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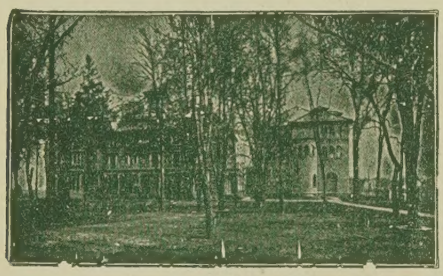

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Luther League Review

The Martyrdom of Cranmer

THE story of Protestantism is always full of interest for the student. Though an oft told tale, its sincere retelling is of benefit. Its history carries religion back over the history of the entire Christian era, and the persecutions under the Roman Emperors find counterparts in the histories of the Reformation in Germany, Switzerland, Scotland and England, with their accompanying martyrdoms. In the reformatory movement in England, Archbishop Cranmer was a notable figure.

Recently attention was directed to the fact that the first English edition of Luther's Catechism is as old as 1548, and that Archbishop Cranmer translated it. "Cranmer's activity furnished England with a Bible, translated by others; with Articles of Faith and homilies compiled from Lutheran sources and with the Book of Common Prayer, where the results of the work of the Lutheran Reformers were freely but legitimately appropriated." This may be a surprise to many,

CRANMER ON HIS WAY TO BE EXECUTED.

who generally think we are borrowers from Protestant Episcopal sources.

Cranmer was born in 1489 and was the first Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury. He married the niece of the great German divine, Osiander of Nuremberg. From Nuremberg, where he was intimate with Osiander, and where he spent considerable time, he carried with him to England many suggestions for the reformation of the Church of England.

On the accession of Mary to the throne of England, Cranmer was committed to the Tower. In March, 1554, he was removed to Oxford, where he was confined in the common prison, called the Bocardo. The spirit and principle of Cranmer temporarily gave way under the severity of his sufferings. He was thus induced to sign no less than seven recantations. On March 21, 1556, he suffered martyrdom opposite Balliol College. At the end his courage returned, and he showed unexpected fortitude in the midst of the flames.

The Secretary's Work in September

THE editor tells us to be brief this month. This is sufficient to abbreviate the account of a few busy weeks.

A fine rally was held in Richmond, Va. This city is full of historic interest, and at this time has only one theme—the Jamestown Exposition. At Cleveland, Ohio, and also at Buffalo, N. Y., informal meetings were held in the interest of the Luther League. In Washington we had desired to hold a similar meeting, but circumstances, and the sickness of Mr. Cornelius Eckhardt prevented this. However, we met the earnest pastor of Zion's Church, and we rejoice with him in the cornerstone laying of his new church. In New York and Philadelphia we held consultations with the National officers.

Good Sunday services were held in both Kittanning and Vandergrift, Pa. We had the pleasure of a few minutes and a word of greeting in the Ministers' meeting in Trinity Church, Allegheny. At Rochester, Pa., we found our National committeeman, Mr. G. A. Baldwin, busy in court, but when the day was done we burned the midnight oil together.

The convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, at Kittanning, was eminently a success. The entertainment was royal. Seldom has it been the privilege of any State Convention to listen to such splendid music as that enjoyed at Kittanning. The papers and addresses were of a high order of excellence. A full report of this Convention will appear in this number of THE REVIEW.

Just a final word about CANTON! Do not make the mistake of supposing the Convention begins on Wednesday morning, October 31. It does not. The Convention begins on the evening of October 30. That night we are to have the President's biennial address, which, from a League point of view, is an important one. That night the boys' vested choir of sixty voices will sing. It will not sing during the day. That night Dr. Hall, the pastor, will address the delegates. That night, Hon. John L. Zimmerman, a very distinguished citizen of Ohio and a prominent Lutheran layman, will deliver an address all should hear who will attend the Convention, and at the close of the session a reception is to be tendered the delegates. Be sure to be at Canton in time for the first session, on October 30. Finally, as the Luther League is designed to stimulate increased Christian activity and foster the spirit of loyalty to the Church among our young people and laity, we sincerely trust our pastors will see to it that our young people and laymen are in attendance at the Canton Convention.

LUTHER M. KUHNS.

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Rev. John McNeill says it is a common idea that any man can preach, and states an amusing incident to dispel the delusion.

An elder in a certain church on one occasion had to take the pulpit, in the absence of the minister, at the last moment. He got through the first part of the service all right, but, on getting up to give the sermon, he found his difficulty then. He started with:

"Brethren (pause)—b-b-brethren (pause)—b-b-b-brethren, if any of you wants the conceit taken out of you, come up here."—Selected.

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If you hold a church sociable be sure to keep only the *social* idea prominent. If your sociable is merely a masked scheme to cajole money from strangers, it is a very selfish affair and a dismal failure. There is no room in true religion for selfishness.

Luther League of Pennsylvania

Twelfth Convention at Kittanning, September 25 and 26

BY ANNA M. LANDIS.

THE thirteenth annual convention of the Luther League, of Pennsylvania, held in St. John's Church, Kittanning, September 25 and 26, was opened at 2:30 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. A. L. Yount, D.D., of Greensburg, who offered prayer.

Harry Boartz, Esq., president of the St. John's Luther League, welcomed the delegates and visitors, which address was responded to by William N. McNair, Esq., president of the State League.

As President of this organization I desire to extend my heartfelt thanks to the various members for the support which has been given the work of the League throughout the State, to the officers and committees for the interest shown, and to the various Leagues and Centrals whom it has been my privilege to address, and whose courtesy and hospitality I have greatly appreciated.

It is not my purpose here to review the work of the past year, but merely make a few suggestions for the future.

(1) I have compiled a card catalogue and would suggest that this be kept intact and the various changes of officers of the local Leagues be recorded therein, as it is of great help in the work of the State League.

(2) I would recommend greater effort in securing subscriptions to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.

(3) That the question of dividing the territory of any Central be left to the executive committee or other committee designated by said Church.

(4) That an invitation to the State Convention be given by the Central League instead of by a local League, and that the fall convention of the Central presenting the invitation be combined with the State Convention, thus saving a multiplicity of meetings as has occurred this year.

The coming of the National Convention so near to this convention will probably lessen the attendance here, but we should be willing to give way to the National League in that we are a part of it. We should not place too much value on numbers, either in attendance at conventions or membership of the League, for that indicates that we are working for the League as an organization and not a movement or an institution of principle, and men will often sacrifice principles for an organization. That the Luther League is substantial and enduring is beyond all question, and so long as we hold fast to our principles we have no fears as to its growth. These principles, I believe, are such as to enlist the ardent support and active energy of every young Lutheran, and may we all contribute our share to that end.

The report of the statistical secretary, Rev. P. George Sieger, of Lancaster, was presented by him, and referred to a committee, consisting of Frank W. Richter, Charles Fuhr and Rev. P. George Sieger. L. W. Shaffer, of Williamsport, treasurer, submitted his report for the year 1905-1906, which was referred to an auditing committee. The report of the extension committee was read by the secretary, and is as follows:

During the past year your committee has endeavored to do its work along the following lines.

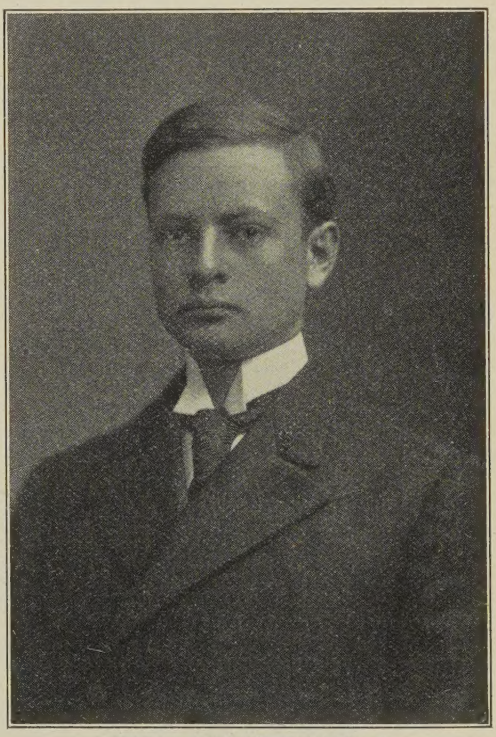
(1) The State was districted as conveniently as possible, and one district assigned to each member. The member assigned being responsible for the work done in that district.

(2) The work was carried on by personal visitation to societies and by personal effort with pastors and leaders of societies, not only at their homes, but at the various conventions and conferences throughout the State. Only when it was impossible to do the work in this manner was the mail resorted to.

(3) The committee distributed much League literature, i. e., Luther League Handbooks, REVIEWS, Topics, Constitutions and reports of last State Convention.

(4) The committee urged Centrals to hold joint outings, and report a large number of such meetings held.

Managed along these lines we believe the committee has done much effective work. Established Centrals have been strengthened and enthused, dead ones partly revived, and through the efforts of Rev. Harry Ernest, of Boiling Springs, of this committee, the Cumberland Valley Lutheran Union was organized on September 21. In its work the committee has been seriously, very seriously handicapped by the lack of statistics and information regarding the Young People's Societies of the State. In order to remedy this defect the committee has made a card catalogue of the Leagues connected with the State League, and is now working on one which will include all Lutheran Young People's Societies and Lutheran Churches of the State. To do the work of extension, we must know absolutely the location and attitude of all Societies in the State. When this catalogue is completed it will prove of great value to the committee.



WILLIAM NISSLEY McNAIR,
President of the Pennsylvania League.

The coming year should witness more extensive and enthusiastic extension work, several plans for reorganization of Centrals and for forming new ones should produce results. To do this special expense must be incurred for printing, speakers, etc. Your committee would therefore recommend that the un-

expended balance, $33, of this year's appropriation to the committee be placed at the disposal of the committee for the coming year's work in addition to the regular yearly appropriation of $50—making a total appropriation of $83 for the coming year.

Further recommendations of this committee are embodied in the President's report, and will not need repeating.

The following is the financial report: Printing and handbooks, etc., $11.70; mailing, $5.30. Total, $17.

The small amount due for postage is owing to the great amount of personal work, and that some of the committee donated the cost of postage and other expenses.

Charles Fuhr, chairman of the executive committee, reported for that committee.

The congregation united in singing the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," after which the Ladies' Quartet, composed of Misses Sara Gates, Louise Seeger, Frances George and Mary Lindeman, sang two selections, "Contrite Heart" and "Abide With Me."

The first address of the convention was made by Frank W. Richter, of Beaver Falls, on the subject, "Junior Luther League Work-Aim."

This was followed by an address on "Junior League Work-Methods," prepared by Charles W. Fuhr, Pittsburg, and read by Rev. G. Irving Lenker, of Allegheny. Both papers showed earnest Christian thought. These papers were discussed by the following persons in three to five minute talks: Wm. Zundle, president Greensburg Central League, advocated Bible instruction exclusively; Rev. Fehr, spoke of the Junior League as a means to an end; Rev. Dysinger, Vandergrift, said success of work lies on the efforts of qualified leaders; Rev. George Sieger, Lancaster, advocated the teaching of Church life; Rev. Bartholomew spoke of the meetings being held in pastor's home; Rev. Frischkorn, said teach the pure Scriptures; Rev. A. L. Yount, Greensburg, Junior League work—not a question what to do, but how to do it. At the request of Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, general secretary, who called for a report from Junior leaders, Miss Anna M. Landis and Mrs. Anna Shanor responded with brief talks.

Junior League Work—Aim.

The aim of the Junior Luther League is very similar to that of the Senior League, namely, to furnish a training to our young people in spiritual matters which will correspond to the training which they receive in secular pursuits, and to fit our young church members, by work, for actual service in the Master's vineyard.

The Junior League is to lay the foundation, while the Senior League is to build more securely and strengthen that which has been begun.

If we are to have better and more efficient workers in the Church of the future, it is very necessary to give to those who are just beginning their Christian life some definite Christian work to perform.

As a training school for our young people, who are just preparing for active work, it is a most important factor in the future development of our Church.

To preserve the future welfare of the Lutheran Church, in common with the other denominations around us, it was found necessary to enlist the young people in more active service, hence the formation of the Luther League of America a number of years ago. What was true of the Lutheran Church then is true of the Senior Luther League now. We find *our* children drifting into other junior societies and churches; seeing what this will mean to the future of our denomination, and finding it impossible to train the small children with the Seniors, there was nothing left to be done but organize Junior Leagues. Here was taken a step which will mean much hereafter.

There is room for both the Junior and Senior League on the stalk of the vigorous and fruitful congregation; just as on the spike of the tuberose, there is room for both flower and bud. The young League is the bud, the hope, the inspiration of the older League, and the hope of the whole congregation. It is the congregation of the future in a state of preparation.

It is the purpose of the Junior League to supplement the home instruction of every child, and to indorse practically the work of the Sunday-school. There is a mission for the Junior League to fulfill in calling the attention of the entire Church to the fact of the existence of a rapidly increasing host of baptized young Lutherans. Nothing repays guidance, pruning and training so much as a child. The most skillful care is none too good for it.

One important aim of Junior work of which we should not lose sight is the preservation of our own society. Are you aware of the fact that the original members of our Leagues have many of them grown old and gray in the service? Many have passed on to the Church triumphant, some have, through sickness or trouble, regretfully laid down the ready pen or stayed the busy feet. How then shall the ranks be filled? The only hope for the continuance of our Leagues must be in the children and young people. Our pastors should take a more firm hold of this important work, and if any part of a parish delights to be recognized, it is the lambs. If any class needs our *best* attention and thought, it *is* the boys and girls. The pastor should attend to this work because it gives him a hold on the children and their parents that cannot otherwise be secured. More than this, the young will so rally round him and be such willing, earnest helpers that it will give him abundant success.

The Juniors are a band of happy little workers, full of love for the Master and His care.

Go into our public schools and what do you find? Primary readers, primary arithmetic, primary geographies, primary grammars and then, as the pupils pass up the grade, the highest works of the same branches. Every round they take dips a little deeper into the subject, gives a broader outlook and leads to more advanced stages. What is true in secular teaching is also true in spiritual matters. Little children have always been regarded as a part of the membership of the Church, and have been taught some of the fundamental truths of Christianity in the Sunday-school; but what have they learned about our Church history, Home, Foreign and Inner Missions, the Deaconess movement and many other important phases of the life of the Church? Practically nothing!

Within recent years some of the active members of the Senior League of this country have realized the necessity of teaching the children something about it in the very simplest manner.

Since the Junior League is the kindergarten of the Senior League and should be very closely allied with it, we should aim to teach the children the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed, and also teach them how to make these fundamental principles of religion a part of their very lives.

The successful future life of the Church depends very largely on the training which the Juniors receive. They are the little workers for Jesus, and it seems a pleasure for them, and certainly a cause for rejoicing on the part of their instructors, to hear them sing,

"We are leagued to Jesus for the cause of truth;
We enlist to serve Him in our days of youth.
Faithfully we follow where He leads the way;
Ever moving onward, orders to obey."

The aim of the Junior League is so far reaching, so broad, so varied, that it is really a difficult task to carry it out, and there are comparatively few of the

Seniors who are willing to undertake the work, but here we can learn by doing. Wherever our prayers reach, there our supremest effect centers.

If the Junior League in the Church is not of the Church, by the Church and for the Church, it has missed its mark. We should then aim to teach the children loyalty to our Church by imparting to them some of our glorious Church history (a thing about which most of our young people know too little). Make it a wonderful story and tell it in that way.

Let us teach the Juniors to understand loyalty in the light of the far-reaching claims of the cause for which the Son of God died. Let us seek information concerning not only the historic past but the needy present.

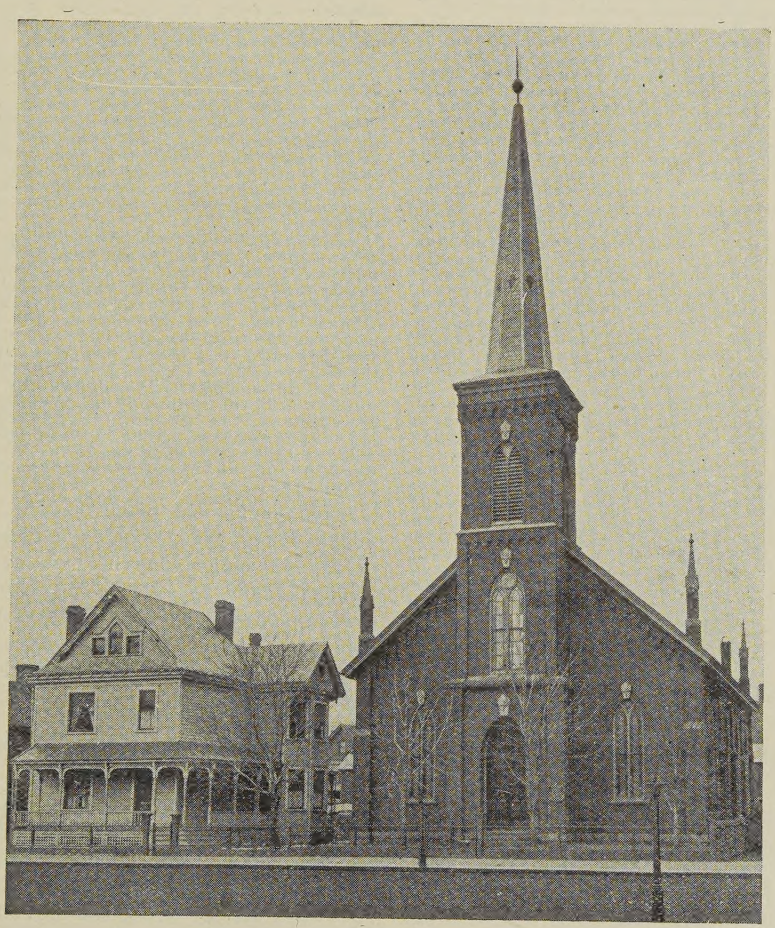
The officers and committees of the Junior League should be practically the same as those of the Senior. The children should be allowed to do the electing themselves from their own members.

Juniors are anxious to hold office and serve on committees; a frequent change is therefore advisable, so that all may from time to time hold places of responsibility.

The Junior League presents various opportunities for usefulness, and it is surprising how faithfully the duties of the League are performed. If these qualities of love for the Church and usefulness are developed, who can deny that the Junior League is an instrument of good and an advantage to the Church? May it not be said of many at least, "From a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Convinced then, of the grandeur of the aim of the Junior League, will those of mature years refuse to hear the call to serve in this department of church work? Or will they respond by devoting some of their time and energy and talent to the training of the little folks and attaining the ends for which the children have been organized?

Then will we truly fulfill the object of the Luther League's existence and live up to our grand and glorious motto: "Of the Church, by the Church and for the Church."



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KITTANNING.
Where the State Convention Was Held.

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Junior League Work—Methods.

In order to select the best methods, permit me to suggest a few things which should be considered by the leader. First of all, the methods should be scriptural. He should study the work of Christ and the Apostles—what they have enjoined concerning the true Christian life and work; the means employed for the gathering of souls and the upbuilding of the Church. He should compare these methods with the many modern ways of evangelization and their attending results. He should carefully avoid those things which bring worldliness into the Church, or that lower the reverence which all should have for

the Word of God and the sanctuary. Money making devices, such as fairs, bazaars, suppers, concerts and the like, should never be resorted to in the Junior League. On the contrary, they should be taught that the only scriptural way of giving is by voluntary gifts, and that such, and only such, are pleasing to God.

A second matter to be considered is what to teach. Here we must remember that we are laying the foundation upon which future study as Seniors is to be built, and, therefore, we should give what will be most useful in later life, and the following suggestions might be offered.

First—"The Way of Salvation in the Lutheran Church." This can best be taught through the use of Bible stories. Doctrinal subjects, as such, do not appeal to the children very readily, nor is it an easy matter for the superintendent to teach them.

Second—The Books of the Bible, and the memorizing of scriptural passages, and the ability to locate such scriptural passages readily.

Third—The Hymn Book, its services and the meaning of the different parts of these services. Too many of our people go through the service, apparently in a mechanical way, while others do not like them, largely because they do not understand them. Here is an opportunity to teach the young to understand the services in which they take part. Never introduce services of a non-Lutheran character, as this creates confusion in the mind of the child. If the congregation do not use the full Lutheran service, here, in the Junior League, is a good opportunity to begin its introduction.

Fourth—Church Music. Nearly all children love music, and we should train our children to use only that which is dignified and churchly. It will sooner or later have an effect on the whole congregation. Music of a light and trivial character should be barred from the Junior League, for it is here that a taste for the best Church music must be cultivated. If we keep teaching the young only music of the former kind, we can never hope to attain to the latter. The Luther League Hymnal furnishes hymns of such character as should be used in the Junior League.

Fifth—Church History. This is to include a few of the principal facts concerning the rise and spread of the Reformation, the establishment and growth of our Church in our own country, and of such men as Luther, Melanchthon, Gustavus Adolphus, Ziegenbalg, Father Heyer, and others. The more we know of our Church, the more we will love her. This is recognized even in secular affairs for we find that the history of our national life is one of the principal studies of the public schools.

Sixth—Church Missions. This should be an important study in the Junior League. The best method of making a live Church, is to foster the mission zeal in it. To do this the members must know something of the mission fields of its Church, and the Junior League is the proper place to give these instructions. They should be taught where the missions are located, how the work is done, the names of the missionaries, their needs, etc. It is probably best to teach them of the mission fields of their own church body, only, for the reason that confusion results if an attempt is made to instruct them concerning the fields of other bodies.

Seventh—Architecture, such as the arrangement of the chancel and the use and meaning of the different articles and emblems. This will be quite an aid in creating a reverence for the sanctuary.

Eighth—Church Seasons. Why we have them, and what they signify.

This may seem like a list of deep subjects for the young; some may say that it will not interest them, and that they could not be persuaded to remain if an attempt were made to teach them such subjects. But the truth is, children are most interested when they are learning something new, but if they learn nothing new, their interest will soon lag.

One method that has met with success in the study of the books of the Bible, is to place on a blackboard, first the chapter and verse of a passage of Scripture, then prefix the name of the book and have the members rise as soon as they find the place. After all, or nearly all have risen, someone is called upon to read the passage. Take Church Architecture. What a dry subject that seems to be for children and how useless, some may say. What do they know about building churches? But as a matter of fact, it could be made most interesting to them. How delightful it would be to march them into the main auditorium of the church, point out the different articles of furniture, ask them the names and how they are used, namely, point out the altar, ask by what name it is known, when first spoken of in the Bible, and its original use.

Then describe the Holy of Holies, the rending of the curtain at the time of Christ; or take the Baptismal Font. Ask them what it is for, what baptism is, and the promises connected with it. And so on throughout the list. Do you think they will lose interest under such instruction. This will cause new thoughts in the child's mind concerning the sanctuary. It will promote in him a deeper reverence for the place, and it will become more than ever a house of prayer.

The other subjects might be taken up in equally as attractive methods, but time forbids.

But instruction, while the most important, is not the only feature in Junior League work. It is a training as well as an educational auxiliary of the Church. We are training here our future church members, and in doing so we must select only such methods as will be of use to them—Church and congregation at large. We should teach them how to take care of the League property, see that things are kept in their proper places, that the room is made attractive. See that all are provided with hymn books and topic cards, the work of the various offices; how to conduct committee meetings, business meetings and the like.

Another method that should be used in all Leagues is to interest them and to get them to work for the mission of the Church at large. Raise offerings among them for the Foreign Mission field, for Home Mission work, for Church Extension work, for Inner Mission work. True, the amounts will be insignificant, but the main purpose is to get them to feel that they will have a part in this great work, and that the Church looks to them to contribute their share.

Local surroundings and conditions may suggest additional fields of work for our Juniors, but whatever work may be taken up, let the superintendent use it as a means of getting in closer personal touch with the child, of teaching him to live a more perfect Christian life, and preparing him for future work in the Church.

After singing the hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King," Rev. George U. Preuss, pastor of the convention church, announced that a banquet would be held at the close of the evening session. He also stated that the delegates and friends would be given a trolley ride to Lenape Park, some distance from the town of Kittanning, at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The president appointed the following committees:

Committee on Statistical Secretary's Report: Frank W. Richter, Charles Fuhr and Rev. P. George Sieger.

Committee on Resolutions: F. J. Bergstresser, Rev. M. Grossman, Rev. W. S. Dysinger, W. L. Schaefer, Rev. F. A. Hightman.

Auditing Committee: James Murdock, Mrs. Anna Shanor and Rev. Graham.

Nominating Committee: Wm. Zundle, Rev. Lenker, Rev. Robert Patterson, Rev. Young, John A. Ziegenfuss.

Singing, prayer and adjournment.

Evening Session

The evening session began at 7:30 o'clock, and was opened by the Choral Union of St. John's Church, Rev. George U. Preuss, di-

rector, singing "Nearer My God to Thee," "Let Mount Zion Rejoice," and "Lift Up Your Heads."

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. A. Trabert, of Pittsburg, who read for the evening lesson from St. John's gospel, "I Am the Vine." After responsively reading a Psalm, the congregation sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." A. Raymond Bard, of Reading, former president of the Pennsylvania State League, gave a detailed history of the State Luther League, which here follows:

The history of this body does not begin with the day of its first convention, twelve years ago. It properly begins with the time that the first thought of organizing young Christians was conceived in the mind of man. Who first started a church organization of young people may always remain a mooted question. The church that did so was the author of far-reaching consequences. If the Lutheran Church was not the very first, still it had such organizations at a far earlier date than is generally supposed. The Lutheran Church has always been a leader rather than a follower. As far back as January, 1875, there existed in the Lutheran Church at Lewistown, Pa., a "Young People's Religious Society," founded by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, then, as now, an enthusiastic believer in young people's church organizations. As a result of correspondence, similar societies were started in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and other cities. On November 9 of the year there was organized in St. James Church, Reading, a "Young People's Guild," that has been in continuous existence ever since, although for many years it has rejoiced in the name of a "Luther League." The first C. E. Society in Pennsylvania, was started in the Lutheran Church at Watsontown. No attempt was made to unite them into a common organization until in April, 1887, when the "Yunger Maenner Verein" of St. Peter's Church, New York—a German church, bear in mind—took the first step. The story of how it set about to interest other Lutheran societies in New York City, and the success of its efforts as evidenced by the formation in 1888 of the first Central or District Luther League in the world, that of New York City, is fully told in that invaluable "Luther League Handbook." This organization, at its meeting in November, 1889, appointed a committee on extension of work, whose duty it should be to recommend the establishment of Central and State organizations, a national association of all Lutheran young people's societies being the ultimate aim.

It is to this faithful committee that the Luther League of Pennsylvania owes its being. It carried on an active correspondence with Lutheran pastors and laymen in this State, and it was not long ere its labors bore abundant fruit, local societies being organized in every section of the State. The first Central organization to be formed was that consisting of the Luther Alliances and other Lutheran young people's societies of Lycoming and adjoining counties. This was brought about by the advocates of the Luther Alliance, a strong movement that started seventeen years ago and bade fair to spread throughout the entire Church. The first Luther Alliance was organized in St. Paul's Church, Williamsport, in November, 1889. Its success was immediate and unmistakable. On March 11, 1890, Dr. Reimensnyder addressed the West Branch Conference of the Susquehanna Synod on "The Importance of Organizing Our Young People," and Rev. S. P. Hughes, pastor of St. Paul's Church, presented a model constitution.

The first distinctively Luther League District Association in Pennsylvania was that known as the Northeastern Pennsylvania Central. The Committee on Extension of Work was responsible for the appointment of a committee to visit the various local societies in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties and to urge them to unite in a District Association. This was realized on June 20, 1893, in Scranton, at which time the constitution of the New York City Central Luther League was adopted and a uniform service for meetings was arranged. From the first this District League manifested an active missionary spirit, having appointed a committee of five to serve as a committee on extension work, with a view of organizing a State Luther League. It afterwards recommended and brought about the formation of the Upper Lehigh Valley District League, contributing a number of its own locals to the new organization.

In the meantime the committee from New York was engaged in interesting Philadelphia Lutherans in the movement to such good purpose that on November 10, 1893, representatives from nineteen locals formed a temporary organization. Due credit was given the New York Luther Leaguers for taking the initiative, and a series of resolutions was adopted, calling upon the young Lutherans of the city to unite in the formation of a permanent organization, which was accomplished on November 23. The same evening on which the temporary organization was effected was the occasion of a stirring Luther Day celebration by the New York Leaguers. It was at this meeting that the now familiar "Luther League Rally Hymn," written by a Philadelphia Luther Leaguer, Mrs. Lillian Weaver Cassaday, was rendered in public for the first time, the composer of the music, Rev. G. C. F. Haas, presiding at the organ.

Other districts were quick to follow the example of the Northeastern Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Lutherans, and those most deeply interested in the movement felt that the time was ripe for the organization of a State League. Early in March, therefore, the Philadelphia Central sent invitations to those who had been particularly active in furthering the cause to attend a preliminary meeting in St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, on March 27, 1894. This meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. J. E. Whitteker, then of Easton, after which he was chosen chairman, and Mr. H. L. Hungerford, Wilkesbarre, secretary. Representatives were present from Philadelphia, New York, Scranton, Harrisburg, Wilkesbarre, Easton, Bethlehem and Chester. Letters heartily endorsing a State League were read from persons in Pittsburg, Greensburg, Lancaster, Greenville and Scottdale, and a number of the pastors present gave encouraging accounts of the success of their locals and urged that a State League be organized. It was decided to issue an invitation to all the Pennsylvania young Lutherans, regardless of synodical connection, to meet in the near future for that purpose. A resolution, adopted by the Philadelphia Central, offering St. Luke's Church for the first convention, was presented. Rev. Wm. H. Singley, D.D., after giving a brief statement of conditions in and about Harrisburg, extended a cordial invitation to have the convention meet in Bethlehem Tabernacle, of which he was pastor. The Philadelphia representatives gracefully yielded and the date was chosen. It was altogether fitting that the time decided on should be June 25, 1894, the anniversary of the great day which saw the public presentation of the Augsburg Confession.

June 25 and 26, 1894, will ever be remembered as red letter days in Pennsylvania Lutheranism by those who were privileged to attend the first convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania. Five hundred delegates and visitors represented ten Central and about one hundred and fifty locals, one Central not being officially represented. A most comprehensive program had been arranged and elaborate preparations had been made by the local people to properly entertain the expected guests, who far outnumbered the most sanguine estimate. Young and old fraternized as though their acquaintanceship dated back many years instead of an hour or two. Bethlehem Tabernacle never was more attractive than on this occasion, when it formed a fit setting for a throng of earnest, bright, happy young Lutherans, many of whom were to learn for the first time of their importance to the Church of their choice, and of the wonderful possibilities of that Church. No one who was not there can possibly realize what that convention meant to many of us who were mere boys and girls then, and many of those in attendance were of a tender age. To that memorable gathering many an active Lutheran layman of today owes his abiding love for his Church.

The list of cities that have had the honor of entertaining this body in proper order is as follows:

Harrisburg, Reading, Lancaster, Altoona, Bethlehem, Allegheny, Norristown, Shamokin, Lewistown, Reading (second time), Pittsburg, Williamsport, Kittanning. Of so much benefit have the conventions been to the local churches, that for many years it has not been necessary to beg for an invitation for the convention following.

All statistics are more or less a matter of conjecture. The exact strength of the Luther League in this State has never been actually determined, for the reason that there are very many locals not connected with a central organization, and hence not included in the very excellent reports handed in by the statistical secretary in recent years. At the present time, the membership of the State League is close to 25,000. With at least a fifth of that number additional who are not directly connected with this body. One thing is certain and that is that the Luther League has had a steady and sure growth in Pennsylvania. The history of our organization can be divided into three parts. First, its inception with tremendous enthusiasm; second, the inevitable reaction; third, renewed growth.

The Luther League of Pennsylvania has always been a leader in the Luther League of America, in which it has exerted a tremendous influence by reason of its great membership and the character of its leaders. It was the Luther League of Pennsylvania that took the first step towards organizing the national body by the appointment at its first convention of a committee to present the matter to the other State bodies, and in connection with the State Leagues of New York, Illinois and Kansas issued the call for that memorable gathering that met in Pittsburg in October of 1895.

Another great work that the Luther League of Pennsylvania started was the publishing of the Luther League Topics, for use at Christian culture meetings. They were first prepared by its Executive Committee, starting with Advent, 1894, and continued for two years, after which the matter was transferred to the Luther League of America.

The effect that the Luther League of Pennsylvania has had upon the Lutheran Church in this State cannot be told by statistics. Even the reports of the treasurers of every branch of church benevolence, with their many acknowledgments of contributions from Luther Leagues, cannot tell the full story. The leaven has been working silently, affecting the entire mass of church membership. To it as much as to any other agency can be traced the new interest in education, in missions, in fact in everything of a helpful nature in which the Church of today is engaged. Without breaking down synodical barriers it has developed a friendly feeling among young Lutherans whose knowledge of the strife that brought about separation is obtained at second hand. It has much to do with the growth of harmony between the various parts of the Church, and will have still more influence in this connection as the years go on. But still more potent is the effect it has had upon the individual members of the Church.

During the past twelve years the young Lutherans of Pennsylvania have shown what they can do when their interest is aroused and they are allowed to work. They have set the whole Church to thinking of the ability and energy that had not been used theretofore, and the leaven they have introduced into the Church is going to be of wonderful benefit hereafter.

The Luther League rally hymn was sung, after which President McNair introduced the Rev. J. A. W. Haas, president of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, who delivered a masterly address on the subject, "Lutheranism and the Social Conscience."

One of the remarkable discoveries of the nineteenth century was the composite photograph. By superimposing picture upon picture we arrive at a certain type. In the same manner by putting conscience upon conscience there appears the type of a general social conscience. This is affected by the great social relations of man. Now the problem is, What influence shall religion exert upon the general conscience? And the question for us is, What relation shall Lutheranism sustain to the social conscience? I say advisedly, Lutheranism, and not the Lutheran Church, because the problem is not the relation of an organization to the social conscience but the bearing of the great divine principles upon problems in their moral aspect.

The first thing to be done is to influence the religious foundation of the social conscience. The general attitude tends toward liberalism which overlooks essential truths. Now, as in life, the strong character influences the weaker, so it is the definite, strong position of the Gospel which can and must affect the general wavering conscience.

In the next place the social conscience needs deepening. In the great revelations of dishonesty, the expression of public opinion has shown the attitude of the social conscience. But it has, in the public press, rather ensured the injury which was done to human property and possessions than the great social wrong that was committed. Lutheranism, whose mortality is that of Christ, knowing that the good tree can only bear good fruit, emphasizes the final motives of wrong and calls for a change of heart.

The social conscience also needs greater permanence of action. Reform movements which sweep over our country are mostly transitory. Soon men relapse into indifference again. There is a lack of constant conservative power. This Lutheranism with its steady conservative principles of Gospel truth can supply to the character. All these necessary changes in the social conscience have a great bearing upon the great question of the relation of capital and labor, wealth and Lutheranism from its true and historic position of its great founder, Martin Luther, can furnish the proper directive lines. In the great peasant revolt, Martin Luther assented to the first demands of the peasants, that every man should have the freedom of hearing the Gospel. The assertion of this truth is very much needed today, because of the industrial pressure which deprives many men of the privilege of hearing the Divine Word.

Again, Martin Luther in bold words told the nobility of his day of the coming storm if they continued scraping the skin off the poor man. He had a deep sympathy with every man because every soul was made by God, redemed by Christ, and every believer was a spiritual priest before God. Today Christianity and Lutheranism must show this sympathy and give expression to this brotherhood among the lower submerged masses which are now being led by many others who do not take the attitude of the true Christ.

When the revolution and bloodshed of the peasants began Luther arose in protest against the anarchy that destroyed order and government. He held as Lutheranism that the powers that be are of God. Today many of the sympathizers with the power ridden and suppressed laborer are revolutionary in spirit.

There is an increased attitude of anarchy. This must be met by implanting strong principles of order and the deep power of reverence in the social conscience. Here is a great work to be done by the Luther Leaguers in the study of these questions and in meeting the dangers of our social condition. Woe unto us if we be found wanting.

The Choral Union rendered another anthem, entitled "Call to Prayer." The evening session closing with singing, "Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine," prayer and benediction.

Banquet

At the close of the evening session, a banquet was tendered by the local League, to the delegates and visitors at Hose House No. 1. Miller's Orchestra furnishing excellent music. Harry P. Boarts, Esq., acted as master of ceremonies, and introduced the speakers. J. Denny Dougherty, Esq., welcomed the Leaguers, in behalf of the citizens of Kittanning, and J. W. King, Esq., made the address of welcome for the congregation of St. John's Church. Rev. W. S. Dysinger, of Vander-

grift, delivered an able response. Other very interesting toasts were made by Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, of Omaha, Neb., General Secretary of the National League; Rev. W. H. Fehr, of Pittsburg; Arthur G. Michler, a student from Muhlenberg College, and Rev. G. W. Spiggle, now of Youngstown, Pa., formerly pastor of St. John's Church, Kittanning.

The banquet hall was a scene of beauty with its handsome decorations and bright and smiling faces of the guests. During the banquet, the Leaguers and friends arose to their feet and sang "America," with great fervor. The closing number was "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and all departed for their homes or places of lodgment.

Wednesday Morning

The Wednesday morning session, opened by Rev. M. Grossman, after which the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun." The president then called for the reading of the corresponding secretary's report. Telegram from Rev. T. E. Schmauk, of Lebanon, who as one of the evening speakers, was unable to be present, and letter from Wm. C. Stoever, Esq., President of the National Luther League, regretting his inability to be present. The report on the statistical secretary's report was read by Frank W. Richter, and the report adopted.

The report for the year ending September, 1906, is a summary of data of our Luther League work in Pennsylvania, as far as it was possible to secure figures and estimates from the statisticians of our several districts and local Leagues concerned. In the case of several districts, the figures printed in italics are repeated from the report of 1905, being the only figures available. The report is as follows:

MEMBERSHIP.

Senior Leagues.....	335;	Enrollment	19,012
Junior Leagues.....	77;	Enrollment	3,313
Total.....	412	Total	23,325

OFFERINGS.

For Local Purposes.....	$12,334.14
For Benevolent Objects.....	4,804.03
Total	$17,138.17

By comparing this report with that of ten years ago (1896), we find a gain of 118 local Leagues and 6,848 members, or 17¼ per cent.; and by comparing the figures of 1906 with the report of last year (1905), we find a gain of 54 locals, with a decrease in membership of 430. In other words, while our work during the past year has been progressing extensively at the rate of 13 1-10 per cent., we should be reminded of the great need of an increasing activity within the Leagues already established. To overcome this difficulty, the organization of Junior Leagues is worthy of special consideration. Furthermore, in view of a number of estimates in the above report, your statistician would recommend that some action be taken at this convention, looking to a better response on the part of district and local Leagues for the coming year, in order that we may obtain a more accurate knowledge of the true strength of our Luther League work in the State of Pennsylvania.

Miss Pearl King, of Brick Church, Armstrong County, read a paper on "Problems of the Rural League," after which Miss Louise Seeger sang a solo entitled "I'm a Pilgrim."

The Luther League may be compared to a tiny stream which, in its onward course, may seem very insignificant, yet in its steady flow becomes a mighty force. And as the stream is dependent upon the great natural reservoir of water for its existence and continued flow, so the true Luther League is not an organization outside and independent of the Church, but is a stream of religious activity which had its origin in the Church, and is dependent upon the Church for its existence, direction and usefulness.

And as the stream flowing through the pleasant valleys sustains, nourishes and beautifies vegetable and animal life, so it is the work of the League, under the guidance of the Church, to assist her in her efforts to evangelize and Christianize the world.

The League at its beginning was not heralded by great applause, for some feared it could never accomplish the desired results. But after a decade of years what do we find? A lot of disbanded, discouraged workers in the cause? No; our grand old Lutheran Church is proud to find her young men and young women among the first in the educational, social and moral ranks of the day. No one can deny that the League has helped the Church very materially, and some would do even greater work if more encouragement were given them. The pastor's duties are always arduous and it is the Christian duty of all young people who belong to the congregation to aid him all they can, and that is just the purpose of the League.

Then in return for what aid they offer, the pastor who appreciates his young people's efforts will lend a helping hand in reaching out into the mission fields of the world, both home and foreign. Without his aid the Leaguers are sometimes at a loss to know what to do. The true Leaguer wants to be a "doer of the Word, and not a hearer only." He wants to do something that shall be of substantial and permanent benefit—to make the world, or at least some persons, better and happier for his having lived in it. It is not manhood, it is not womanhood to be inactive in the world's great field of labor, if strength of body and mind is his possession. Problems for rural Leagues do not differ much from those of the more thickly populated districts; both need encouragement, efficiency and experience. The first belongs to the pastor and older members. If neither shows any interest in the League and younger members no one should be surprised to find that the young are indifferent to the League, inactive in it, and that the League itself is a failure. In order that the League may reach the highest degree of efficiency every member must be made to realize its importance, the need of its existence, and the greatness of its work. Every member should feel that he is a vital part, has a real duty to perform and then be ready and willing to do it well. All must have an appreciation of the vast field of labor spread before them.

Perhaps the most difficult problem for all Leagues to solve is how to get the members to attend. But the fact that some Leagues are well attended proves that the problem can be solved. There is reason to believe that the key to its solution is the program—the nature of the exercise. If the service be lifeless, dull and uninteresting it will have no attraction for young or old. But if the topic to be discussed be one of vital interest and the program be interesting, it will gain the attention of all classes and the interest will become contagious, and the natural result will be a large, interesting and useful League. If it be asked how to have an interesting program, the answer is: First, choose a subject that is within the ability and comprehension of the writers and speakers and one upon which they can obtain abundant information.

Secondly, in order to give variety and add interest in addition to the essays and talks on the subject, a number, especially of the younger members, should be appointed to respond with quotations from the Bible, or some other good book. One or two of the younger members might be appointed to give a short and suitable recitation, and the whole program should be interspersed with plenty of music. Besides the singing of hymns it adds interest to have a sacred duet, trio, quartet, or a selection of sacred instrumental music.

Give as much variety as possible. Cultivate and utilize all the talent you have in your League. But care must be taken to restrict the service to one of a purely devotional, edifying and elevating character. If this is not done there is danger of its deteriorating into a mere entertainment. The length of the service depends upon the time at disposal, but should never be much more than an hour in length.

Another problem with which the rural League has to contend is the continual removal of the young from the country into the towns and cities. As soon as the country boys and girls have grown, many of them seek more remunerative employment than they can find at home, hence there is a constant drain upon the country League and congregation. This makes it necessary to be careful that all the children as they become large enough be interested in the League, so that they may fill the vacancies made by the removal of others. The members of the League should be taught to be loyal and true to their Church wherever they may be and that when they remove from the bounds of their home Church, they may identify themselves with a Lutheran Church and League where they are located, and be just as active and faithful in their new church relationship as in their home congregation.

The field of labor for the energetic Leaguer is large. It stretches out in all directions—it is world wide in scope. "The fields are white unto the harvest."

At the request of the president, the secretary called the roll, and the delegates answered to their names by telling something about their home League. The talks were limited to five minutes.

The convention united in singing "Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine." "Problems of the City League" was the subject of a paper presented by John W. Schreiber, of Pittsburg. After the presentation of this paper, the calling of the roll was resumed.

The City League certainly does go a great way in solving some serious problems and in stopping sad losses to our Church. The good results of the League's work in the city congregation of which the writer is a member are too apparent to justify any one in saying that the League fails or has failed. My pastor remarked to me not long ago that he regarded the League as the very core of the life and activity of the congregation, and when good committee material is needed, he said, he knows that in the League he can find it.

The League being "of the Church, by the Church and for the Church," has succeeded in giving the Church many trained workers. Not a few have, through impulses and inspiration received in the League, found their true vocation in the ministry, and, undoubtedly, some have been led to think of the deaconate. A few years' training in the League, discussing the Topics, participating in the devotional meetings, and suggesting ways and means of carrying forward the ideas and wishes of the pastor, the young men and women who before may have been quite helpless and indifferent, now move with grace and ease in the congregation performing cheerfully and intelligently its various activities.

In our cities temptations are great and attractions are many. The youth is easily drawn away from that which has a spiritual and devotional flavor, and because short-sighted and inexperienced and pleasure loving, young people are apt to choose more readily the social ways and advantages of the world.

The question of how to get those who have been newly confirmed into the League has also been a source of perplexity to some of our city societies. The League should be the place for them after confirmation. Inconvenience in getting to the meetings does not, except in a very few cases, account for not securing all confirmants. Nor is it because the pastor has not urged them. In view of all this and from experience, in my opinion, "individual work" is a great factor in interesting persons in the League, and in insuring the League's success. I can recall instances of those who joined the League when asked and urged by individual members of the League. They have been active in the society ever since and consequently useful in the Church.

A few minutes were given to business. Rev. W. S. Dysinger, of Vandergrift, made the following motion: "Resolved, that we, as the State Luther League, of Pennsylvania, petition the Topic Committee of the Luther League of America to simplify the topics." This was amended as follows: "That the request to the National League be made through the General Secretary, that it may take the proper course." The resolution as amended was seconded and carried.

The president called for nomination of delegates to the National Convention, which resulted as follows:

Rev. Robert Patterson, Somerset, Pa.; Rev. Ernest Anton Trabert, Pittsburg; Rev. W. S. Dysinger, Vandergrift; Rev. P. George Sieger, Lancaster; Frederick J. Bergstresser, Philadelphia; Miss Anna M. Landis, Penn's Station; Miss Pearl King, Brick Church; George A. Baldwin, Esq., Rochester, Pa.; W. L. Schaefer, Williamsport; J. W. King, Esq., Kittanning.

Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, then addressed the convention briefly.

A committee was appointed by the president to take subscriptions for the convention number of THE REVIEW; the State League obligating to take 1,000 copies. The committee is as follows: Rev. E. A. Trabert, 207 Auburn street, Pittsburg, Pa.; John A. Ziegenfus, A. G. Young and William Zundle.

The session adjourned with prayer.

Wednesday Afternoon

The afternoon session opened with prayer by Rev. J. H. Sandt, of Lebanon, Pa. A short business session was held, during which the various committees reported. James Murdock, of Philadelphia, reported for the Auditing Committee. F. J. Bergstresser, of Philadelphia, reported for the Resolution Committee, as follows:

Your Committee on Resolutions would offer the following recommendations:

1. That we appreciate the excellent work done by our President during the past year, and express our hearty thanks.

2. That we would urge that the work among the Juniors be more generally taken up, and effort put forth by the Centrals to have the churches in their districts organize Junior Leagues.

3. That we tender our thanks to the General Secretary for the good work done in Pennsylvania, and in view of the deficit in the National Treasury would urge a prompt payment of all dues by the Centrals and local Leagues, and if the State League is in arrears that the Executive Committee draw an order for same at once, so that the report of the National Treasurer in Canton will show no arrearage.

4. That we show our appreciation of the work of

the General Secretary, not only with thanks, but that each Central and local League show their interest in his work by contributing their share toward the General Secretary's Fund.

5. That we note with pleasure the printed reports of the Statistical Secretary, and the careful compiling of same in face of difficulties, and that we tender him our thanks.

6. We would again call the attention of the Leaguers to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, and urge that the presidents of all Centrals and local Leagues appoint committees to look after this work.

7. We endorse the recommendation of our President, that the card catalogue that he has compiled be kept intact by succeeding officers.

8. We endorse the recommendation of the President, that the division of territory of any Central be left to the executive or other committee of that Central. The State League to act in accordance with same.

9. We recommend that an appropriation of $50 be made for the use of the Extension Committee.

10. We recommend that the reports of the convention to be printed in the October number of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, and that 1,000 copies be subscribed for by the State League.

We would also offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to his home, Frank A. Hartranft, and,

WHEREAS, the said Frank A. Hartranft has been one of the organizers and active workers in the State and National Leagues, be it

Resolved, That we express our sincere sorrow in the loss that we have sustained in the death of our beloved friend and co-worker, and that a minute of this be made and entered on the books.

Upon motion, each item was considered separately, after which the report was adopted as a whole.

The first topic of the afternoon was a paper, "The Deaconess' Calling," by Rev. Robert L. Patterson, Somerset. Rev. Patterson made an earnest plea for the young women of the Church to devote their lives to the Christian calling of the deaconess.

One of the stock criticisms of the Church and orthodox Christianity on the part of unbelievers and liberalists has been that too much attention is paid to heaven and not enough to earth.

In answer to this we say: The religion which is nothing but a "passive hope of a better world hereafter" is not the religion of Jesus Christ, who "went about doing good." Neither is that religion which is nothing but "active work for the betterment of conditions here" the religion of Jesus Christ, who said: "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent."

If in the past the Church's religion has manifested itself too exclusively in the practice of the first commandment (and I am not sure but there is justice in such a criticism), the remedy for the defect will not be found in the modern attempt to reduce Christianity to the practice of the second commandment.

Passing over that story of the past, which is as fascinating and stimulating to faith as the story of Paul or of Luther, let me speak of the "Call of Today to the Deaconess' Work."

The call to the ministry of mercy is as much a call from God as the call to the ministry of the Word. The command, "Go work today in my vineyard," is addressed to the daughters as well as the sons of God. It detracts not one iota from the dignity and glory of the Virgin Mother to say that she was the first of all the deaconesses. The loving care which she bestowed in the nursing and training of the Child of Bethlehem and Nazareth is a type of that beautiful field of deaconess' service opened among the millions of little children today.

There is a call to the deaconess' work from every institution of mercy in the land. It was the pitiful condition of the sick in hospitals, and the woeful lack of Christian sympathy and care that stirred the heart of Fliedner.

In many churches the pastor's wife, with as many duties at home as any woman in her husband's congregation, seeing the work to be done, and nobody both able and willing to do it, volunteers to become deaconess for the parish. Ofttimes she takes charge of the primary department of the Sunday school, presides over the Woman's Missionary Society and other work belonging to a deaconess, and carries the burden of its success.

But aside from special cases the deaconess' work in a congregation strengthens and enlarges every organization within the Church. Before the coming of our deaconess the monthly meeting of our Woman's Missionary Society consisted of eight or ten discouraged women. The first meeting after her coming there were forty or fifty present, and since then the work in congregation, Sunday school and other departments has flourished.

The spirit of self-devotion for Christ and humanity's sake is at a low ebb, and there is no use shutting our eyes to the fact. The appeal to the heroic falls upon dull ears in these days. We tell our young people the story of the heroes of the cross and they say, "Yes, there were giants in those days; people do not grow to that size now."

But if a young woman attains the heights of self-consecration necessary and is ready to offer herself, she must break a thousand fetters before she is free to do the bidding of her heart. The prejudice and ignorance of parents and friends must be overcome. The world around cannot appreciate her lofty spirit.

But the deaconess does not understand such language. She is conscious of no sacrifices. Her remuneration comes in the joy of washing the Saviour's feet and in the love which is poured back into her heart by those to whom she ministers.

This was followed by music, by the Ladies' Quartet, entitled "List, the Cherubic Hosts."

"Call of Young Men to the Ministry," was the theme of a paper presented by Rev. Jerome M. Guss, A.M., of Etna, Pa. Like the previous speaker, Rev. Guss spoke of the great need of the present day for young men to choose the noble Christian office of the ministry.

The Gospel ministry is incomparably the most important trust ever committed to man. How can any one know that he is rightly called to the ministry? We answer, in general, four things. First—He is truly called who possesses undoubted personal piety, producing ardent love to Christ and the souls of men. Second—An inward abiding conviction that it is his duty to serve God in this office and a willingness to endure its labor, toils and difficulties, not from any expectation of temporal reward or emolument, but for Christ's sake. Third—A healthy body and at least ordinary mental abilities. Fourth—The indications of Divine Providence that it is his duty to devote himself to this work.

The Credential Committee reported that twenty-two persons, who were elected, sent their credentials, but could not be present; fifty-three delegates and twenty-two visitors were present. Seven Central Leagues were represented.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

President, William Nissley McNair, Esq., Pittsburg; recording secretary, Miss Pearl King, Brick Church, Armstrong County; corresponding secretary, Miss Ida H. Zinser, Germantown, Pa.; statistical secretary, Rev. P. George Sieger, Lancaster; treasurer, W. L. Schaefer, Williamsport.

On motion the secretary cast one ballot for the nominees and they were elected unanimously.

The session closed with a brief address by the newly elected president, Mr. McNair, and prayers by Wm. A. Zundle, Rev. Corney, Rev. Fehr and Rev. Bowers, and benediction.

Extension Committee—Henry G. Deininger, Philadelphia, chairman.

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Press Committee—Anna M. Landis, chairman; Carl Yount, Greensburg; Arthur G. Michler, Muhlenberg College, Allentown.

Wednesday Evening

The evening session opened with an organ prelude, "Pilgrims' Song of Hope." The Choral Union, Rev. George U. Preuss, directing, sang "Make a Joyful Noise," "Art Thou Weary," and "Jesus, My Saviour, Look on Me."

Rev. W. S. Dysinger, of Vandergrift, Pa., conducted the devotional service, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," was sung by the congregation, after which the Psalm, Scripture lesson from 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians were read. The singing of the anthem entitled "Hark, Hark My Soul," by the Choral Union. George A. Baldwin, Esq., of Rochester, Pa., addressed the convention on "Our Future and Our Future Policy," which was well received by all who heard it.

We have the young people of the Church—the hope of this and every other Church—organized into a body whose members are seeking, not their own ends, not the future of the Luther League, but the future of their Church. They believe that the people of our Church will rise to the full stature of their high calling here in America, when they *know their Church,* her confessions, her history, her achievements and her glorious opportunities. They declare that no Lutheran can know his Church and not be loyal to her, and that he cannot be loyal to her unless he stands loyally by her pastors, loyally by her mission boards, loyally by her schools, loyally by her charities, loyally by all her activities.

I have heard it stated by a friend of the Luther League that the League, in order to be most useful and effective as an organization of young people, should take up some special activity of the Church as its principal object, as our Home or Foreign Missions, educational institutions or works of mercy. I cannot assent to this suggestion. I have never regarded the Luther League as organized for the advancement of any special line of Church work or institutional activity. To make any one of them her special work would be to add complication to the existing organizations in charge of these works, without any compensating good. These organizations are in need, not of more organization or a better organization, but of the *power* which comes from an intelligent, loyal Lutheranism in the Church body. It is the object of the Luther League to develop the kind of Lutherans who will do their share in *every* activity of the Church.

The Luther League seeks to bind the young Lutheran to his Church by ties that worldly success and big salaries cannot sever, and give us Lutherans of this kind, loyal, symmetrical, all-round Lutherans, and I will show you within a generation the fulfillment of the President's prophecy, "The Lutheran Church is destined to be one of two or three greatest, most important national and most distinctively American churches."

I am convinced that the Luther League was organized right, that it is moving along the right lines to the right end. An observing pastor, and one who confesses that he is "one of those who believed that the Luther League would run away with the best traditions of the Church," says, "The Luther League is a great and glorious success along the right lines. It has taught our boys and girls loyalty to the Church. It has awakened an interest in all the various works and parts of the Church. It is making a body of intelligent, loyal Lutherans in the land." A policy that wins words like these cannot be far from right. Let our future policy be what our policy has been for ten years past—the development of an intelligent, loyal, symmetrical Lutheranism in our Church. Let the changes be along the line of aggressiveness and thoroughness—an imperial policy, a land grabbing, land occupying, territorial expansion policy. Our policy needs no change in direction—but in intensity, in temperature, in pressure.

The audience then arose, and with great fervor, sang Luther's battle hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

The closing address of the convention was delivered by Rev. A. L. Yount, D.D., of Greensburg, whose theme was "The Christian Armor." His address was full of great and vital truths pertaining to the preparation of the young for life's warfare.

Let us now take a closer view of the elements of the spiritual outfit, or armor, furnished us for the battle of faith. In the very words of Scripture they consist of these six things: "truth, righteousness, peace, faith, hope and knowledge."

More especially should we strengthen our young people against the subtle skepticism of these days, which, though it may not deny the truth of the Bible, assumes the liberty of interpreting it as it pleases, thus making its saving power of no effect.

And now what are some of the results of such equipment for the fight of faith? Among the many practical results we will mention only these. First, promptness in embracing, increasing and imparting the knowledge of truth and the performance of its duties with untiring diligence. Second, the intent concern for the general spread of the pure truth of God. Third, the opening of heart and hand to spend and be spent for the cause we have thus learned so greatly to value. Fourth, a spirit of fervent worship.

The convention was favored with another selection by the Choral, entitled "The King of Glory," after which the hymn, "Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise," was sung by the audience. With the prayer and benediction closed the thirteenth annual convention of the Pennsylvania State League, one of the most enthusiastic and inspiring in the history of the organization.

Luther League of Indiana

At Indianapolis, August 28 and 29

BY REV. WILLIAM BRENNER

THE largest and most successful Luther League Convention of Indiana since its organization was held August 28 and 29, in the Second Church, Indianapolis, Rev. C. E. Derr, Ph.D., pastor. The pastor and people of this church had left nothing undone to make the assembling of the young Lutherans of Indiana both pleasing and profitable. In many respects it presented a favorable and decided contrast to some of its predecessors. Only a pastor who had at heart and realized the importance of such a meeting as the Luther League could take the time and trouble to make such complete arrangements so thoroughly satisfactory to all in attendance.

The motto of the convention, Grace, Grit, Gumption and Gold. These four different subjects were treated in papers at the various sessions of the convention. The discussions were full and exhaustive. The aim of the topic and the discussions was to present the thought, requisites of the Leaguers' efficiency in Christian service or to do the best work for Christ and His Church. The indispensable in the management of such work was brought out with soberness and qualities necessary to the practicable work were strikingly pictured before the minds of the delegates. The accessories that belong to a most excellent Christian manhood and womanhood were commended, and there was praise for the character and conduct of the Luther Leaguers loyally engaged in Christian service. It was pointed out that it was no reflection upon truth if some were loud and over zealous in its proclamation, and it affords no argument against the truth if some keep absolute silence or even talk against it. There are surprised and disappointed Christians of a particular type, who are cold and frosty, empty of grace, geniality and consistency, but they do not destroy the precious truth. There were really helpful and encouraging features in this convention. Among these features it is notable in the first place, that the membership had more than doubled, an increase of more than 100 per cent. This increase was due to the reception of first the Laporte district League and four local Leagues. For its size and in proportion to the extent of its opportunity the Indiana Luther League has exhibited vigor and power. In the matter of self culture Indiana stands in her League work for the highest form of doctrinal intelligence in a clearer and stronger and better apprehension of the vital truths for which our Church stands.

Rev. Conrad Huber, D. D., of Richmond, Ind., preached a convention sermon. He indicated that to make known these doctrines and principles of worship is one of the primary objects of our Luther League conventions. He pointed out that the better observance of the worship in the Lutheran sanctuary would enhance the interests and promote the edification of every worker in the Church. The Luther League, embracing Lutheran societies of whatever name and irrespective of synodical connections emphasize the authority of the Church and make co-operation for Church loyalty and practical Christianity possible.

SECOND CHURCH, INDIANAPOLIS,
Where the Convention Was Held.

Space does not permit us even a partial publication of the many excellent thoughts presented during the progress of the convention. It was all helpful and inspiring. Sister Louise presented an able paper on the "Attraction of the Deaconess Calling." Can there possibly be a more beautiful and beneficent institution than that of the deaconess work. For our consecrated and efficient women the care of the sick and the ministrations to the needy affords a field of inexpressible usefulness. Their kindly and sympathetic ministrations, their intelligent and tender service is appreciated by the Lord's poor.

An excellent paper was presented on "Grit"

by one of our laymen pointing out the need of this virtue—persistence in well doing without wearying. Miss Stoeckel, of Mulberry, in a very clear and forcible paper, discussed "Grace." Rev. Kennerly, of North Manchester, well said what we need is to know our Church. We, as Lutherans, should value and enjoy, more than some of us do, our possessions. Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, the General Secretary, delivered the address at the grand rally. We wish to mention the excellent music furnished by the choir and soloists as a special feature of this convention.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Rev. J. W. Seiberlinge, Mulberry; vice-president, Rev. L. W. Stoeckel, Mishawaka; secretary, Miss Florence Dack, Logansport; treasurer, Mr. Louis Mayne, Camden, Ind.

The members of the local League tendered the delegates and visitors a reception in the church parlors, which was much enjoyed. Cards with the names of the delegates written on them were presented to each person and used to facilitate introductions and promote acquaintances.

Camden was selected as the place for the next meeting of the Indiana State Luther League.

Luther League of Iowa

Third Convention at Iowa City, August 28-31

BY H. F. MARTIN.

THE third annual convention of the Luther League of Iowa was called to order by the President, W. H. Blancke, D.D., on Tuesday evening, August 28, at Iowa City, Iowa. Delegates were present from Danish, Norwegian, German and English churches in the State. Addresses of welcome were given by Rev. A. B. Leamer, on behalf of the local church, and Mayor Ball, on behalf of the city. These were responded to by Rev. C. K. Eastvold, of Jewell Junction, Ia. After a musical selection, President Blancke delivered an address, "The Secret of Luther's Power the Secret of the Reformation."

Devotional services led by Rev. H. F. Martin, of Muscatine, Ia., introduced the program of Wednesday morning. The paper for discussion, "The Consecrated Luther Leaguer," was by Geo. Vollmer, of Burlington.

Mr. O. J. Viland, of Slater, Ia., conducted the devotional services of the afternoon. After a pleasing duet, Rev. T. C. Thompson, of Estherville, addressed the convention on the subject, "The Luther League as an Inter-Synodical Factor." Miss Tessie Leinbaugh, of the First Lutheran Church of Iowa City, sang a solo, after which Rev. O. R. Sletten presented the Scripture explanation of Colossians 3:17, which he applied to the convention motto, "Consecration and Co-operation," in a beautiful and heart stirring manner. The deep spiritual tone of this brother's remarks was manifest throughout the convention.

On Wednesday evening, Mr. Luther Fuhrmeister, of Cedar Rapids, led the devotional services. The Young People's chorus choir entertained the audience with several well rendered selections of music.

Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D.D., of the Western Seminary, held the large audience in rapt attention to his scholarly, logical and impressive address on "The Luther League as a Factor in the Educational Problem in the Lutheran Church."

Rev. O. Shefveland led the devotional service on Thursday morning, selecting as his Scripture the first Psalm, and he gave a very thoughtful and suggestive exposition of it. The paper by Rev. Neuman, of Burlington, was full of stimulating and helpful thoughts. The subject of the paper was "The Great Reformation Idea," and it might be fittingly termed the keynote of the convention. "How to Develop Lay Activity in the Church" was a most excellent paper, prepared by Miss Anna Warren and read by Miss Clara Eckmann. On Thursday afternoon Miss Josephine Krofta, of Iowa City, led the devotions. Rev. J. A. Wirt, D.D., spoke with much power and conviction from the subject, "Ideal Luther League Topics." Mrs. Faussett, a noted singer of Iowa City, favored the audience with a solo. Rev. C. W. Maggart led the devotions of the evening, a beautiful song service was rendered by a quintet, and the concluding address was given by Rev. C. A. Sodergren, of Burlington. The convention closed with the hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Our officers for the year are: W. H. Blancke, President; T. C. Thompson, Recording Secretary; O. J. Viland, Corresponding Secretary, and Miss Clara Vollmer, Treasurer.

Luther League of Wisconsin

Convention at La Crosse, August 30-31

SOME fears were entertained as to the success of this year's convention of the Wisconsin State Luther League, to be held in the extreme western part of the State, in the beautiful city of La Crosse. But delegates and friends of the League did not hesitate to travel hundreds of miles and go to the very outer

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LA CROSSE.

edge of the State to attend what all considered "our best State convention." Holy Trinity Church, in which the sessions were held, was beautifully and tastefully decorated for the occasion in Luther League colors, and Pastor J. J. Clemens and his good people accorded us a hearty welcome.

The Luther League is growing in the State of Wisconsin. Delegates were present from sixteen local Leagues and one district League. Four new Leagues were admitted and the State membership now is about 700. A district League will, in all probability, be organized in Milwaukee this fall.

Rev. A. J. Reichert, of Red Wing, conducted the opening service on Thursday evening. Four addresses were delivered on "Representative American Lutherans," as follows: Among the Icelanders," by Rev. J. J. Clemens, of La Crosse; "Among the Germans," by Rev. Paul H. Roth, of Beloit; "Among the Norwegians," by Rev. Gustav Stearns, of Milwaukee; "Among the English," by Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., of Milwaukee.

The general topic of Friday's sessions was "Inner Mission Work." Two instructive and interesting addresses were made by Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, of Milwaukee, on "A Ministry of Mercy," and Rev. H. L. Fritschel, Rector of the Milwaukee Mother House, on "Deaconess Mother Houses." Papers of special merit on institutional work were read by Mr. Jesse Wilde, Milwaukee; Rev. Horace T. Gebhart, Plattsville, and Mr. C. A. Dennig, of Cedarburg. The "Philadelphia City Mission" was treated in a paper by Mr. Grover Rapps, of Milwaukee, and "Parish Kindergartens," by Miss Amelia Jacobson, of Clinton. At the evening session Rev. Wm. Eckert, of Racine, delivered an excellent address on

A GROUP IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH.

"Individual Responsibility," and the General Secretary, the Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, closed the convention with many words of encouragement.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Rev. Horace K. Gebhart, Plattville; Vice President, Rev. Wm. Eckert, Racine; Recording Secretary, Mr. Geo. W. Rapps, Milwaukee; Treasurer, Miss Jennie Outmans, La Crosse; General Secretary, Rev. Gustav Stearns, Milwaukee.

Through the kindness of Mr. W. W. Cargill, the delegates and friends enjoyed a twelve mile trip up the Mississippi.

Luther League Topics

21st Sunday After Trinity. Nov. 4, 1906.

What the Bible Says About the Lord's Supper

Matt. 20:26-30.

Doctrinal Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers. Whence does our Church derive its doctrine of the Lord's Supper? Can any other doctrine be drawn from the Holy Scriptures, letting the passages simply mean what they say? Study these passages and state without reference to the definitions of the Catechism, in your own words, just what they teach concerning the Sacrament.

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *We build upon the testimony of the Scriptures themselves.* That is the distinctive character of our Church. The only test of her Confessions is that they conform to the very Word of God. She is not afraid to take that Word for what it says. She is not so anxious to contradict some opponent as she is to agree with God. She does not let the fear of being falsely accused of leaning toward Romanism, or of disturbing Protestantism, influence her to abandon, modify or compromise truth. Loyalty to God's Word is her motto, and if loyalty means that she must stand alone, antagonized on the one hand by Rome and on the other by the so-called Reformed Churches, she cannot hesitate. It is not she who is to be pitied but those who have departed from the truth. She does not claim infallibility, but as Dr. Krauth says, it remains to be shown that she has failed, and where she has failed, to teach the truth according to the Word of God. Certainly she has not failed to express in her doctrine of the Lord's Supper the very statement of the Scriptures themselves. If any other doctrine than hers be true it can only be on the assumption that the words of the Scriptures mean something different from that which they say. If she has made any mistake it is that of taking her Lord at His very word, believing that He knew just how to express the truth He would convey, and that in such a solemn hour, instituting His Covenant, making His will, He would choose not some figurative, mystical form of speech, but the simplest statement of what His disciples were to believe.

2. *The testimony of the Scriptures is clear.* Examine the passages which distinctly refer to the Lord's Supper, and you will reach the conclusion, that, absolutely without contradiction, or variation of doctrine, they teach that there are two parts in that Sacrament; that the earthly part is bread and wine; that the heavenly part is, without exception, described as the Body and the Blood of the Lord, namely, that which was broken and shed for us; that the earthly and heavenly parts are so related as that in taking the earthly one participates in the heavenly; that this is true of the unworthy recipient as well as of the worthy, and not in some place or way apart from or unconnected with the earthly elements, but in and through these. That is the unanimous and unvarying doctrine of the Church of the Pure Faith in all the centuries. God forbid that we should depart from it.

22d Sunday after Trinity. Nov. 11, 1906.

What Are You Doing for Home Missions?

I Tim. 6:17-19.

Missionary Topic Reviewed by Rev. Harvey M. Leech.

This is certainly an intensely practical question. What may be done, and what are we doing for the Home Mission enterprises of our Lutheran Church in America, are two questions which should come to every Luther Leaguer with striking force. That four-fifths of the churches of every denomination in this country are the result of pioneer or Home Mission work, is a statement supported by statistics. Moreover it is a significant one. It indicates that the Church is at work, is alive to its opportunity. Here also has been the Church's greatest growth in recent years. What is true for other denominations is no less true of our work and growth in the Lutheran Church.

But no Church has so great a field, or so large an opportunity, or so weighty reasons as our own for pushing the cause of Home Missions and advancing the interests of the kingdom of grace. Never has the opportunity

The Luther League Topics, complete lessons (of which the above are outlines and reviews), in 32-page pamphlet, covering three months, can be supplied at rates given on page 31 by Luther League Review, Box 876, New York, N. Y.

been so ripe, or the field so inviting, as the present. It should be common knowledge of every Luther Leaguer that the opportunity of the Lutheran Church is now as never before. We have always had an opportunity, but to us as a Church, such as it is now, it has come slower apparently than to others. Or perhaps we have had opportunities but failed to seize them. Others observing our neglect, laid hold upon and seized an opportunity which was not theirs legitimately.

Many thousands are daily coming to our shores and the number constantly increases. They are not all of similar type of civilization, neither do they possess our ideas of government. To us God has committed the trust to make them sharers with us of our privileges and blessings as a nation, also that they shall be woven into the fabric of God's kingdom. Multitudes of the newcomers are of like faith with us. It is our privilege as well as duty to lend them aid in an hour of need.

The opportunity of the Lutheran Church in this country is a golden one, but it must be seized now. How are we measuring up to it? What are the young people in our Luther Leagues doing to hold our own to the Church and win others for the Church? The great cry in the past was for something to do, something practical for our young people to engage in, that they might develop their latent talents and devote their vigorous energies. The work is here and a mighty work it is that is committed to our hands to do. During these years we have been in a state of preparation, learning how to do the work and becoming equipped for the work. Now the question becomes a pertinent one—"What are you doing for Home Missions?"

One requisite for doing is knowing, a knowledge leading to wise, fruitful results, a knowledge in this case of the field, its extent, its condition, its richness, its possibilities, its returns. This land, with its teeming millions, a land of untold richness and unlimited possibilities, just now ready for laborers, is the great Home Mission field of the Lutheran Church. The cry from all over this vast field, not from the far West solely as of old, but from every section, North, South, East and West, not from rural districts but from the very heart and centers of our nation, is to come among us, the plaint not of a feeble voice from weak, vocal organs, but a strong, stirring call from healthy, vigorous organs, a Macedonian call. The Church turns to the young people in the hour of need. Every Luther League and every member should become acquainted with and know the great work to be done and be enlisted in active co-operation through his local League. Contributing to their support and maintenance will not be enough, they should have your thoughts and be the subject of your prayers. Is it not possible for every local Luther League and every Leaguer to become thoroughly aroused and intensely in earnest on this subject. What is your League doing, what are you doing in this great work? The Master calls for laborers and the field is white unto harvest. Let there be great response, undertaking great things, expecting great things, praying for great things, and the Lord of the harvest will surely give an abundant increase.

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23d Sunday After Trinity. Nov. 18, 1906.

The Real Presence—Augsburg Confession—Acts x

Mark 14:22-25.

Doctrinal Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers. What is the difference between the Scriptural doctrine of the Real Presence and that of Rome? Who deny the doctrine of the Real Presence, and on what grounds? What is the testimony of the early Church in addition to the Scriptural teaching?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *The doctrine of the Real Presence is accepted by faith.* Faith receives the doctrine because it is clearly taught by the Word of God. The testimony of the early Christian centuries is unanimous in its setting forth of the doctrine of the Real Presence as the unbroken faith of the Church. And equally certain is it that those early Fathers did not hold the doctrine of Transsubstantiation, as Rome teaches, but the doctrine which our Church still confesses. Indeed, faith, ready to accept what the Word proclaims, asking only what Jesus our Lord says, could not find any other doctrine in the Scriptures. A Christian Japanese a few years ago became the helper in the first Lutheran mission in Japan. It was necessary to instruct him in our faith, as he had become a Christian and had been trained in a Reformed mission. When the doctrine of the Sacrament of the Altar was set before him he showed the utmost delight, and explained that in reading his New Testament he had understood it in

just that way, but was told by his missionary that he was mistaken, that when Jesus said "This is my body," He meant "This represents my Body." The Japanese naturally supposed that the missionary understood Christianity better than himself, but it had never seemed right to him, and when he learned that the largest and oldest Protestant Church had always believed and taught that our Lord meant what He said, it filled him with joy. The denial of the Real Presence, the teaching of any other doctrine than that of our Confessions, could never have arisen unless there was some motive making men unwilling to believe the simple Word of God. That desire to understand, to reduce the mysteries of God's kingdom to the measure of our experience, the forcible bending of the Word to comply with some doctrine previously accepted, (such as that of predestination, in the Calvinistic scheme)—this is the explanation of every departure from the doctrine of the Real Presence. As for us we will, like our fathers, humbly and reverently say to our Christ, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

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24th Sunday after Trinity. Nov. 25, 1906.

The Wittenberg Concord

Ephesians 2:19-22.

Historical Topic Reviewed by Rev. Adolf Hult.

The Church of the Reformation soon broke into the two great divisions, the Lutheran and the Reformed. It was above all the question of the Sacrament of the Altar that became the point of division. While Luther held to the sacramental reality of the words of institution, the Swiss spiritualized them. Between Luther, Melanchthon and the Swiss, matters grew to be more and more entangled—and all this time cold-eyed Rome looked on with supreme satisfaction at the rupture in her enemies' ranks.

Luther was in the right, as every one who takes God at His word will be.

But the Church's welfare demanded some settlement of the struggle among the children of the Reformation. The Colloquy at Marburg in 1529, between Luther and Zwingli ended as a crisis, since Luther refused Zwingli the hand of Church and creed fellowship, adding, however, these words, "We do not refuse to recognize you as friends, but only as brothers," namely brothers of a common faith.

One man among the followers of Zwingli and Calvin seemed to be paving a way for peace, Martin Bucer, reformer of Strassburg, originally inclined toward Luther, later throwing himself "with hands and feet" on Zwingli's side. Bucer was a man of mixed motives. Gifted with the power of a deft and smooth manner of presenting his thoughts, he began a campaign of reconciliation, stating the doctrine of the Lord's Supper in terms that approached Luther's view, but differed in fact. This was 1530, the year of the Augsburg Confession. He began to teach the "real presence" of Christ's body and blood —but only for the believers—and only in a spiritual manner. His great passion was Church unity, and to gain this goal he was willing to phrase his position in the closest possible approach to Luther's.

Bucer gradually interested even Zwingli in his efforts to compromise in doctrinal utterance, 1531, he so stated his position, "That the true body and the true blood of Jesus Christ is actually present in the Lord's Supper and is with the Word of the Lord and the Sacrament administered." Though rebuffed by both sides, the indomitable man still pursued his skilful union policy. Southwestern Germany more and more favored him. Melanchthon himself longed for a new colloquium, where the doctrine could be thoroughly discussed. Luther alone remained unchanged, and distrustful of Bucer's clever policy. The Scriptures were to him of more importance than any unity falsely gained. Finally, as Luther heard of Bucer's last statement of the doctrine, he began to listen to the advocates of a new Colloquy.

A preliminary meeting between Melanchthon and Bucer took place, December 27, 1534, in Cassel, to which Luther sent an explicit, uncompromising presentation, lest Bucer anywise might wedge in some half-way statement.

The Concord was called finally to Wittenberg. May 21, 1536, the conveners entered Wittenberg, Capito and Bucer of Strassburg, Musculus and Wolfhardt of Augsburg, Martin Frecht of Ulm, and others. It was Sunday, Luther was in a distrustful mood, occasioned by some doubtful publications of the other side. Bucer and Capito went to Luther next morning with their letters, but found him in a critical, cold state. He said he feared their constant vacillations of mind. Luther being weak from illness, the conference was adjourned to begin on Tuesday morning. Morn-

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Canton—the Convention City

CANTON, where the Lutheran hosts will gather on October 30, has many points of interest for the delegates and visitors to the National Convention of the Luther League of America. In this connection mention must be made of "The Aultman Memorial Hospital." This excellent eleemosynary institution was founded by Mrs. George D. Harter and Mrs. Kate B. Aultman. It has an endowment of $100,000. Beside this institution of mercy is "The Old Ladies' Home." This Home was established by the generous liberality of Mrs. Kate B. Aultman. It also has an endowment of $100,000.

On Friday, November 2, the following places can be visited, and will be open to the delegates and visitors: The McKinley Home, West Lawn Cemetery and McKinley Monument, the Dueber-Hampden Watch Works, said to be the largest factory of its kind in the world; the Canton Bridge Company, and the Berger manufactory, where they make everything, from a steel desk to a railroad lantern.

Adjoining the city of Canton, and for a distance of ten miles south of the city, is the only section of the country where an inexhaustible supply of clays, of all the different kinds necessary for producing high grade fire brick, building blocks and conduits has been found. This has added much to the material welfare of the city.

Canton is the county seat of Stark County, Ohio. It has a strong Bar, and is the home of Mr. Justice Day, of the United States Supreme Court.

Canton is the home of 400 traveling men. It has 16 miles of street railway. It has 78 passenger trains on steam roads daily, and 126 interurban electric railway passenger cars in and out of the city daily. It has a through limited electric service of three trains daily each way to Cleveland. On the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad from New York to Chicago, it is provided with a train service unsurpassed anywhere. The Wabash and Baltimore and Ohio railways make Canton important division points of their systems. The railroads thus afford quick travel to and from Cleveland, the largest city in Ohio, which is 60 miles to the north, and other business centers in the State. The interurban electric service affords the best facilities for travel, as Canton is a central point in an electric system from which the lines run from 40 to 60 miles in every direction. The service is an hourly one and the cars run throughout the entire day.

Transportation Announcement.

The passenger associations have granted round trip rates of fare and one-third, available only on the certificate plan.

Trunk Line.—This covers the territory east of Buffalo and Pittsburg, and north of Washington.

Central.—This territory covers part of Canada, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and part of Illinois. No reduction will be made in the State of Ohio.

Southeastern.—This territory includes all the Southern States east of the Mississippi River and south of Washington.

Southwestern Excursion Bureau.—This territory covers all points in Southern Missouri and Southeastern Kansas.

Western.—This territory includes the States west and north of Chicago.

A fee of 25 cents additional to the fare will be collected for each certificate signed.

Further information concerning the names and territories of the above associations is to be found in the *Travelers' Official Railway Guide.*

All special rates as announced will be available for delegates and visitors to the convention and members of their families accompanying them.

Certificates.

All delegates should purchase tickets through to Canton, Ohio, securing from the local ticket agent a separate certificate with each ticket, showing that full fare has been paid, which entitles to a special fare returning, after having been properly endorsed at the convention.

Receipt for fare paid will not be accepted in lieu of certificate.

If a through ticket on a certificate plan cannot be procured at the starting point, the delegate should proceed to the nearest point where such through ticket can be obtained, and then purchase a ticket through to Canton, Ohio, obtaining a standard certificate properly filled out by the agent at the point where such purchase is made.

This certificate should be deposited imme-

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Editorial

Of all the months in the year, October is the Reformation month, for it stands for the beginning and ending of the great movement that has practically revolutionized modern life. The beginning is the sound of a hammer stroke upon stroke, on All Hallowe'en of the year 1517 (October 31), the close is the sheathing of swords and the clasping of hands at the peace of Westphalia, October 24, 1648.

The rapid course of the pen of Martin Luther across the paper, used to describe the sin of sending out men to sell in the name of the Lord and of His true Church a miserable permission to indulge in any form of sin, was suggestive of the rapid way in which the tidings that he had nailed up that declaration upon the church door at Wittenberg, spread through the land, and awoke the minds of many who had long wanted and waited for a restoration of the Church. Thus has October 31, 1517, become associated with the name of Martin Luther, the brave, staunch hero of the faith, the man of the Word of God, the humble follower of Jesus Christ.

The second great event was the time when, after thirty years of incessant warfare and invasion, during which Sweden was deprived of her King, Gustavus Adolphus, and countless precious lives were lost amid the general destruction, which ransacked Germany for victims, articles of peace were signed October 24, 1648, and it was agreed that henceforth Romanist and Lutheran should be allowed liberty of conscience without molestation. Then, and not till then, was the nation of Germany set free from the heavy yoke of religious oppression that for so long a time had burdened it.

The religious life of our young men and women is of first moment to us as a Church and a nation. Ominous clouds are on the horizon. Whether the gathering storm shall break or no is a question. But when it does descend it is of the utmost importance that it find Church and State with a safe anchorage in the clear minds, steadfast hearts, and Christian character of the men and women to whom the next five or ten years will doubtless commit the destiny of a generation. As you look into the faces of the young men and women of today you see those to whom serious problems for solution are committed. In order that they may think soundly, and judge rightly, and act intelligently the religious side of their lives must be cultivated, and faith be founded in the immutable teachings of God's Holy Word. The Gospel must be more than a theory; it must be a life to the rising generation. Where this condition prevails the future will be safe and its outlook promising.

If the report circulated in the daily papers is correct, one of the denominations of this country has placed a ban on the penny in the

contribution box. How about the widow's mite? We believe in generous giving. Liberality is a distressing need in all Church work today. We need to teach the children the blessedness of giving. But Church legislation on giving a penny or a nickel in the Sunday School, and proscribing the penny as a Church gift, loses sight of the beautiful, instructive and appreciative lesson Christ gave in his approval of the widow's mite. Get the heart right —baptize the pocketbook as well as the head, and the contribution box will take care of itself without promoting Christian benevolence by Church enactment that may not touch the spiritual side of all giving to Christ, and his cause.

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There is a place for practical honesty in daily business. There is need for commercial integrity between buyer and seller. The entire standard of business honesty has been raised by the action of the Federal Government under the pure food and meat inspection act. It is a step in the right direction and will make useless false representations to sell goods which are found to be not as represented. Thus if a can has not chicken in it, and is not all chicken, it must not have the picture of a chicken on it. If any food is colored the label must say it is colored. This is truth by law. It is honesty by statutory enactment. It widens the field of fair dealing, and it protects the poor and ignorant from the unscrupulous. It is hoped that this action of the government may have a far reaching influence.

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During the year a divorce Congress has met. Churches through their religious bodies have passed resolutions on the subject. Legislatures have put laws on the statute books, and still there is divorce. While we are lamenting the frequency of divorce and agitation for legislation to make divorce and remarriage illegal goes on, it is well to remember that the causes for many divorces are planted by young men in sowing their wild oats. And we are constrained to believe that in spoiled dispositions they are not alone. But each Fall brings its crop of divorce and separation. The absence and separation of husband and wife often carry them nearer to this fatal step than if they had kept nearer each other. But the real cause too often lies in the man's easy and indulgent life before marriage, and the onerous restraint and irritation he feels in the wedded state. This is a point to which zealous, social and religious reformers may well address themselves.

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"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love Thee."

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

As we go up to Canton, let us pray that God will direct and the Holy Spirit will bless everything done at this convention; that the speakers may present forcibly thoughts which will make us work, and be helpful in each church with which we are connected.

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A speaker recently, at the opening of a conference, gave this advice: "Put, get, hold, share—put all you can into the conference; get all you can out of it; hold fast to the best things said and done; share the best things with others." These are good words for the delegates to the Seventh Convention of the Luther League of America to remember.

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Some one has said, "The three cardinal things of life are prayer, Bible study, active Christian work." As we come to the convention, whose motto is, "Knowledge, Wisdom, Understanding," it will be well for us to think upon these words, and to consider whether we, as Luther Leaguers, have done our full duty in the three respects mentioned.

Canton—the Convention City

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diately on arrival at Canton with Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, General Secretary, who will have a desk in the church for that purpose.

The railroad agent will be in attendance at the convention on November 1, 1906, and all certificates must be signed by him and Rev. Kuhns on that day. *No certificates will be honored that were issued to cover the sale of more than one single trip ticket.*

No reduction in return fare can possibly be secured unless a certificate is presented at the convention for the agent's signature. The certificates are not transferable, and it has been necessary for the committee to guarantee that certificates will not be transferred, misused or offered for sale.

It is very important that delegates and visitors should acquaint themselves with these transportation provisions and follow them carefully. Be particular to get a *certificate* and *not* a receipt for your ticket.

As delegates and visitors must provide their own entertainment we give below

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The Conrad Hotel, American plan, makes a rate of $1 per day.

Canton is abundantly supplied with good restaurants, where delegates and other visitors can be provided with good meals at reasonable rates.

The committee recommends and particularly urges that the delegates to the convention ask reservation of rooms in advance of their coming. Any further information regarding hotels will be cheerfully furnished upon application to E. C. Cutchall, secretary, Canton, Ohio.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Credential blanks for delegates, whether State, district or local, should be secured at once by State, district or local officers from Rev. C. K. Hunton, Salem, Va. *Delegates to the convention are expected and required to present properly certified credentials.* All credentials should be filled out, one part being sent to Rev. C. K. Hunton, Salem, Va., the statistical secretary, and the other part retained by the delegates for presentation at Canton. All statistical reports should be sent to him promptly by district and State officers. This should receive the immediate attention of all interested.

The business sessions of the convention will be held in Trinity Lutheran Church. The opening session on Tuesday, October 30, and the reception to the delegates and visitors on the same evening, as well as the second night's session, will also be held in this church. Thursday night the grand rally will be held in the Auditorium, which has a capacity for seating 5,000 people. It is here that the Choral Society will sing and the concert music of the convention will be rendered.

The music of the convention will be a feature. The music during the day sessions will consist of solos and quartet music. At the grand rally the Canton Choral Society, which has sung at two Eisteddfods, will sing. For the entertainment of the delegates and visitors to the convention, the Grand Army Band, that always accompanied President McKinley on the occasions of his inaugurations as Governor and President and has played in the principal cities all over the United States, will play a concert for one hour before the opening of the rally meeting in the Auditorium.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW will print a Convention Number, which will give a full account of the proceedings of the convention. You should arrange now to secure extra copies of this number of THE REVIEW, in order that you may preserve the addresses and papers presented at the National Convention. Be sure to make your subscription to THE REVIEW.

Our Churches and Institutions

In Some of Our Large Cities

Greater New York

—St. John's German Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, Rev. H. C. Wasmund, pastor, recently consecrated a new pipe organ, which cost $4,570. To accommodate the new organ the chancel was entirely rebuilt. A new pulpit and other furniture were also installed. The altar books were provided by the Luther League.

—The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn, was organized Wednesday evening, September 26, under the supervision of the Rev. A. Steimle. The work was begun just after the close of the meeting of the New York and New England Synod in June and now has upward of fifty charter members and agrees from the day of organization to be self supporting. Rev. C. D. Trexler, of the last graduating class at Mt. Airy, is the pastor.

Philadelphia

—Seminary Day, September 27, at Mt. Airy was marked this year, 1906, by the laying of the cornerstone of the Krauth Memorial Library Building. Among those who participated in the ceremonies were Dr. Jacobs, dean of the seminary; Dr. Krotel, president of the Board of Directors, who spoke the words of consecration; Dr. Horine and Dr. Horn. Dr. Krotel's address was a high tribute to Dr. Krauth and to the unknown donor whose unselfish gift had made this splendid memorial possible. The Library Building has a length of 128 feet and a width of 92 feet. The main feature is the reading room, which within is an octagon, 40 feet wide, over which is a massive tower. On the one side of the entrance there will be a handsome auditorium, seating 180 persons. On the opposite side, beneath, there is a periodical room, librarian's room and cataloguing room; and above there are three research rooms and a seminary room. The stack room in the rear will accommodate 60,000 volumes and can be enlarged indefinitely. The building is to be of Germantown stone, trimmed with Indiana limestone.

—The Rev. M. R. Kunkleman has resigned as pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Overbrook.

Chicago

—Two Chicago missions became vacant October 1. Rev. D. P. Heltzel has resigned the Ravenwood church in order to go to his father in Michigan, who is in failing health. Rev. Charles P. MacLaughlin received a unanimous call to the Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Meyersdale, Pa. His resignation as pastor of Calvary Church was reluctantly received. He took up his new work October 1. During the present calendar year seven of Chicago's English churches have lost their pastors.

—Rev. Dr. G. B. Hancher, of Philadelphia, has accepted the call as pastor of Holy Trinity Church, and took charge of the work on the first Sunday in October.

Washington

—On Sunday, September 16, Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. C. F. Bergner, pastor, laid the cornerstone of its new building. The location is at Fifth and P streets, Northwest. The edifice will be 70x40 feet, in Gothic style of architecture, of Port Deposit granite, and will cost $25,000. It promises to be one of the most impressive of the fifteen Lutheran Church buildings in the Capital City.

Pittsburg

—The First Church, Rev. G. J. Gongaware, pastor, has established a circulating library of Lutheran literature for the benefit of the members of the congregation.

—On Sunday, September 16, the Rev. Ernest Anton Trabert, formerly of Uniontown, was installed pastor of Christ Church, East End, as successor to Dr. J. Lawson Smith. The Revs. R. G. Rosenbaum, president of Conference, and the Rev. Dr. G. H. Trabert, of Minneapolis, father of the pastor-elect, officiated.

Buffalo

—The Subscription Committee report sufficient funds guaranteed to warrant the beginning of the work of constructing the new $35,000 addition to the recently acquired property for the Lutheran Church Home for the Aged and Infirm.

Scranton

—On Sunday, September 9, Joseph Davidowski, a Polish priest of the Roman Catholic Church publicly renounced that church and embraced the Lutheran faith in the Polish Lutheran Church, of which Rev. F. Sattelmeier is pastor. Mr. Davidowski has been an assistant in the parochial school of Rev. Sattelmeier and intends to become a missionary among Polish Lutherans.

Portland

—A fine new church building was consecrated by Immanuel Lutheran Church on the first Sunday of September. The Columbia Conference, Augustana Synod, was in session there and nearly all the pastors of the Conference were present. The new church has a seating capacity of over 700 persons and has cost about $14,000. The congregation also owns a fine parsonage near the church. The entire property of the congregation is valued at about $25,000, on which there is a debt of $9,000.

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Wilmington

—Holy Trinity Church, Rev. J. Harry Main, pastor, was recently given a lot worth $4,000 or more. The donor, Mr. Samuel H. Baynerd, of this city, who, although not a Lutheran, is deeply interested in the work of the Church.

Cleveland

—The Christian Endeavor Memorial Church, Rev. H. C. Hadley, pastor, has made its last request to the Home Mission Board and will become self supporting. The congregation has grown to the limits of its present church building.

Kansas City

—A call from the First Church, this city, to Rev. S. P. Long, pastor of the First Church, Mansfield, Ohio, has been accepted.

Louisville

—The Rev. Harlan K. Fenner, D.D., on Sunday, September 9, closed his twenty-ninth year as pastor of the Second Lutheran Church, this city. With only one known exception, Dr. Fenner has served his church longer than any other pastor in the city.

St. Paul

—Rev. G. H. Schnur, the faithful and efficient editor of the Luther League Topics, formerly of Chillicothe, has accepted a call to St. James' Church, this city.

Miscellaneous

—St. Matthew's Church, Oswego, N. Y., Rev. A. S. Hardy, pastor, has largely refurnished its chancel in churchly style. The altar and baptismal font are memorials, as are some other articles of the furnishings about to be placed. The gown for the pastor was among the additions toward historic worship.

—The Virginia Synod at its recent convention having been requested to raise $10,000 for Roanoke College to help to meet Mr. Carnegie's offer to this institution, responded by pledging themselves to raise $25,000 to endow the David F. Bittle chair of mental and moral science in this institution.

—Berlin, a thriving town of 12,000 people, of Ontario, Canada, has entertained three Synodical conventions of the various branches of the Lutheran Church within a few months—the Canada Synod of the General Council, last June; the Canada District of the Missouri Synod, September 5, and the New York and New Jersey Synod of the General Synod, September 11.

—Among the students at "Muhlenberg Preparatory" we noted three very bright looking Slovak boys, who are studying with a view to becoming missionaries among their brethren.

—Another "Intersynodical Conference," composed mainly of the pastors of the Missouri, Iowa and Ohio Joint Synod of Ohio Synods, will convene in Fort Wayne, Ind., October 24 and 25.

—Mr. Cornelius Eckhardt, A.M., has undergone an operation in a Baltimore hospital, with the prospect of a speedy recovery.

—The 165th anniversary of Jerusalem Church, Salisbury, Lehigh County, Pa., was observed on Sunday, September 16.

—The Joint Synod of Ohio recently resolved to endeavor to bring about an agreement with the Iowa Synod in regard to doctrine and practice. The president of the Joint Synod is to take the initiatory steps.

—Trinity congregation, Springfield, Ill., has recently erected a new parochial school building in the rear of the church for $12,500 and has also bought a parsonage costing $9,000, near to the church.

—Prince Leopold von Schwarzburg, of Germany, a devoted Lutheran, bequeathed $400,000 to the Elizabeth Charity Fund, the interest to be used for aiding lonely spinsters, widows and crippled children.

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NEW YORK.

—Secretaries of local Leagues are requested to notify the president of the State League, Mr. James M. Reynolds, Valatie, N. Y., of any changes of the officers of their Leagues.

New York District

—The Luther League of New York City held its first regular business meeting of the season at St. James' Church, Seventy-third street and Madison avenue, Dr. Remensnyder, pastor, on Thursday evening, September 20. President Henry D. Brandes presided. A comprehensive and interesting report of the State Convention at Binghamton was given by Mr. Albert H. Peterson, of the City League, delegation, and the President was authorized to appoint delegates to the convention of the Luther League

of America, at Canton, the President himself to be one of them. The Executive Committee reported progress with preparations for the Luther Day celebration at Gustavus Adolphus Church, on November 9, and the same committee was authorized to make preparations for the annual dinner. The Extension and Credentials Committee announced its purpose and plan for a careful and earnest canvass of the field for new members.

—The recent election of officers of the Luther League of the Church of the Atonement, Rev. F. H. Knubel, pastor, resulted as follows: President, Lillie Meyer; vice president, Ethel Nelson; treasurer, Charles Bergstrand; recording secretary, Gertrude Ulrich; financial secretary, Laura Klaus.

Rhinebeck District

—The Luther League of St. Luke's Church, Valatie, will hold a special rally service on November 11, in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the society's organization. Rev. John H. Weaver, D.D., of Center Brunswick, will be the principal speaker. An invitation to participate in the service will be extended to all the various Lutheran young people's societies of the vicinity. Rev. George G. Whitbeck is pastor of the church.

Mohawk Valley District

—The Luther League of Gilead Lutheran Church, Center Brunswick, Rev. John H. Weaver, D.D., pastor, held its annual rally on September 30. President Reynolds, of the New York State League, was the speaker of the evening, taking for his subject, "Opportunity," and basing his remarks on the Luther League Topic for the day, "Organization."

—Rev. John J. Dominic, D.D., pastor of the Lutheran church at Gloversville, is delivering a series of Sunday evening sermons, under the auspices of the Luther League of the church, on "Our Lutheran Colors," black, red, white, blue and gold.

Albany and Susquehanna District

—The convention of the Albany and Susquehanna District Luther League, to be held in St. John's Church, Albany, Rev. Oscar Krauch, pastor, on October 16 and 17, promises to be an event of importance to the young Lutherans of this part of the State. A very practical program has been prepared, with subjects for discussion that are of vital importance to the Lutheran Church. Addresses are to be given by prominent clergymen and laymen. Good music will be a feature of the convention. The evening rally is to be addressed by Rev. L. Franklin Gruber, of Utica, and Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, of Omaha, Neb., General Secretary of the Luther League of America. All interested in entertainment should write to Mr. William Eck, 565 Clinton avenue, Albany, N. Y., chairman of the reception committee.

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—At a business meeting of the Luther League of St. Mark's Church, Middleburgh, held September 30, the following were elected delegates to the convention of the Albany and Susquehanna District Luther League, to be held in St. John's Church, Albany, October 16 and 17: Rev. Frank Wolford, D. D., Miss Emma Frisbie, Mrs. A. P. Snyder, Mrs. Paul Mattice, Mrs. D. H. Stanton, Miss Cornelia Frisbie. Rev. Dr. Wolford and Mrs. Wolford were elected delegates to the National Convention at Canton, Ohio.

—At the meeting of the Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Binghamton, September 30, the following were elected delegates to the convention of the Albany and Susquehanna District Luther League: Miss Lillian Ingwall, Miss Mae Bradt, Mr. John Diehl. Rev. C. A. Ritchie, Mr. W. L. Bradt and Mr. W. H. Rector will also attend. Mr. W. L. Bradt was elected delegate to the National Convention at Canton, Ohio.

NEW JERSEY.

—The eleventh annual convention of the Luther League of New Jersey will be held in the German Lutheran Church, Cross and Post streets, Elizabeth, the Rev. C. G. Fischer, pastor, on Tuesday, November 6. The first session will begin at 9:30 o'clock in the morning; the second session at 2 p. m.; the evening session at 7:45 o'clock. Each society is entitled to three delegates. Absent delegates are entitled to representation by duly accredited alternates. The names of delegates and alternates should be sent to Miss Augusta Neubeck, of the Credential Committee, 46 De Hart place, Elizabeth, N. J., not later than November 2, 1906. Delegates should report to the Credential Committee immediately upon arrival, so that the roll can be prepared for the opening session. Delegates and visitors desiring entertainment at meals or accommodations for the night should notify Miss Mary Koenig, 542 Elizabeth avenue, Elizabeth, N. J., by November 3. Societies desiring to unite with the State League can secure blanks and information from the Rev. John E. Heindel, 39 Warner avenue, Jersey City, N. J. Frederick C. Krapf, President.

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City on September 20, the plans for the State League Convention were completed. The business sessions will be in the morning and afternoon. In the afternoon there will be heard a paper on "A Practical Reading Circle," by Miss Florence E. Fellows, chairman of the New York City League Literature Committee. In the evening two addresses will be heard, one of them by Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, General Secretary of the Luther League of America. The Executive Committee is planning to have Secretary Kuhns tour the State from November 4 to 11.

—On August 15 the Rev. Frederick C. Krapf, President of the Luther League of New Jersey, paid an official visit to the Y. P. S. C. E. of Christ Church, Trenton, the Rev. W. H. W. Reimer, pastor, and delivered an address on "The Luther League; Its Origin, History, Aims and Plans." The meeting was interesting. The officers of the society are: President, Mrs. R. L. Hendrickson; corresponding secretary, Miss Lottie Delp. On Thursday evening, September 20, President Krapf visited the Luther League of the Swedish Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Jersey City, the Rev. J. E. Lorimer, pastor, and after speaking of the history and work of the League, urged that the local League of the church plan to unite with the State League. Such action is likely to result. The League of Grace Church, Newark, also has been visited recently by President Krapf. His address on this occasion was an appeal for renewed interest and continued activity.

—A rally of young people's societies, under the auspices of the State League, was held at Holy Trinity Church, Elizabeth, Rev. F. C. Krapf, pastor, on Friday evening, September 28. Pastor Krapf conducted the service, assisted by Rev. C. G. Fischer. An address on "The Luther League of New Jersey; Its Work and Its Extension," was delivered by Rev. John E. Heindel, of Jersey City. "Effective League Organization" was the subject of an address by I. Searles Runyon, associate editor of THE REVIEW. Upsala College was represented by forty-two of its students. Herman Olson and Carl O. Thunberg, of this delegation, sang solos. At the close refreshments were served by the local League. The church was decorated with Luther League colors and autumn flowers.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia District

—The regular fall convention of the Philadelphia District League was held in St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, Rev. Charles L. Fry, pastor, on September 18, afternoon and evening. Two subjects were presented and thoroughly

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discussed—"The Junior League; Its Works; Its Benefits," introduced by Mrs. Charles Fry, and "What Is the League Doing?" introduced by Mr. Luther B. Deck. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Fred. J. Bergstresser; recording secretary, Mrs. William Harker; financial secretary, Mr. John A. Kellar; statistical secretary, Ida H. Zinser; treasurer, Mr. William Wurst. Delegates to the State and National Conventions were elected. Reports of all officers and committees were very encouraging. The statistics showed an enrollment of twenty-five organizations with 1,901 members. The offerings for the year of the various Leagues for local and benevolent objects amounted to $2,282.15. Rev. Charles Gable, of Lansford, Pa., delivered a stirring address on "Creed, vs. Deed, or the Distinctive Doctrines and Practices of the Lutheran Church."

Pittsburg District

—The Luther League of Christ's Church, East End, has prepared a lecture course, to be given in the church during the winter. The lecturers will be the Rev. W. J. Miller, D.D., President of the Pittsburg Synod; the Rev. C. H. Hemsath, who will speak on "Porto Rico Experiences"; the Rev. G. J. Gongaware, who will give the travelogue on the Holy Land; the Rev. Gomer B. Matthews, who will speak on "India; the Land and the People," and the pastor, the Rev. Ernest Anton Trabert, will give a lecture on "The Hymns We Sing and How to Sing Them." This League now numbers about fifty active and earnest members.

Allentown District

—The Luther League of the Allentown District will convene in St. Luke's Church, Rev. H. F. J. Seneker, pastor, Easton, Pa., on Thursday, October 18, 1906.

—At the annual business meeting of Trinity Luther League of Bangor, Rev. E. A. Yehl, pastor, the following officers were elected: President, Mary Yost; vice president, Emma S. Mann; recording secretary, Mrs. E. H. Steinmetz; corresponding secretary, Lottie Sheler; treasurer, Myrta Buzzard; organist, Francis Correll.

Catawissa District

—The eighteenth convention of the Catawissa District Luther League was held September 6 and 7 in St. John's Church, Mifflinville, Rev. C. F. Dry, pastor. All the sessions were marked with interest and helpfulness. The following subjects were ably presented by the assigned speakers, and in the day sessions were discussed by the delegates: "Church Attendance," Rev. S. J. Taylor; "A Life of Three Dimensions," Rev. Stephen Paulson; "The Supremacy of the Word," Rev. Charles George Bikle; "The Ideal Leaguer," Miss Carrie Dry.

The resolutions made note of the recent death of Rev. J. F. Wampole, Shamokin, one of the first promoters of the Luther League in this section, and a faithful attendant upon its convention.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. C. R. Botsford; recording secretary, Henry Rhoads; corresponding secretary, Sue L. Wampole; treasurer, Carrie M. Dry.

The 1907 convention will be held September 5 and 6 in the Holy Trinity Church, Berwick, Rev. C. R. Botsford, pastor.

Schuylkill District

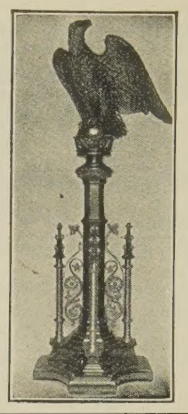
—The District Luther League of Schuylkill County held its annual convention at Tremont, in St. John's Lutheran Church, the Rev. J. W. Klingler, pastor, on September 3. Topics discussed were: "Junior Luther League Work," "The Call to the Ministry," "The League's Responsibility." The Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., of Lancaster, Pa., delivered an address on "Loyalty." The officers of the District League now are: President, Mr. A. T. Stewart, Quakake; corresponding secretary and statistician, Mrs. A. T. Stewart; treasurer, Mr. A. T. Miller, Pottsville.

Cumberland District

—On September 21 the young people's societies of the Lutheran Church in the Cumberland Valley, comprising the counties of Cumberland and Franklin, met in the First Lutheran Church of Carlisle and formed themselves into a district organization, to be known as "The Cumberland Valley Central Lutheran League." Delegates from seventeen societies, representing about 1,000 young people, were present. During the day sessions topics helpful to young people's work were discussed, while the evening session was devoted to an address by the Rev. Charles L. Fry, of Philadelphia, his subject being "The Luther League's Distinctive Features Illustrated." Delegates were elected to represent this new District League at the State Convention.

WISCONSIN.

—The largest young people's rally ever held under the auspices of the Luther League in



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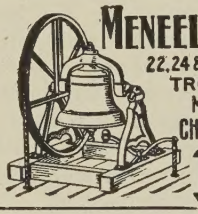
Milwaukee was held at the English Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Scott and Reed streets, Rev. Gustav Stearns, pastor, Thursday evening, September 20. A feature of the rally was the opening procession. The confirmed young people of the five congregations uniting in the rally formed a procession of nearly 300 in five sections, those of each congregation forming a separate section. The procession entered the church singing the inspiring hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The general topic of the rally was "The Inner Mission Work." Addresses were delivered by the Revs. W. K. Frick, D.D., and G. Keller Rubrecht. Rev. Gustav Stearns officiated at the altar and Rev. A. S. Hamilton read the Scripture lesson. Papers were read by Jesse Wilde, Grover H. Rapps, and Miss Amelia Jacobson. A solo was sung by Mrs. A. S. Hamilton and a quartet sang an anthem. The Church of the Redeemer, Church of the Epiphany, Church of the Reformation, and Church of the Ascension, English, and the First Swedish Lutheran Church were represented. The church was filled.

MINNESOTA.

—The Luther League of the Minnesota Conference, Augustana Synod, held its tenth annual meeting on September 7 to 9, in the Gustaf Adolph Church, St. Paul. At the first session on Friday evening Rev. L. P. Bergstrom spoke on "The Influence of Social Life on the Formation of Christian Character." The Saturday forenoon session was set apart for the discussion of the subject, "How Are We to Further the Advancement of our Lutheran Church in America?" Rev. C. A. Hultkrans opened the discussion, which was participated in by many of the delegates. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. E. O. Stone, Minneapolis; vice president, Rev. P. Peterson, St. Paul; recording secretary, Miss Edna Erickson, Minneapolis; corresponding secretary, Miss Jennie Warner, Stillwater; treasurer, Miss Helvine Anderson, St. Paul. A committee consisting of one member from each mission district was appointed to take under consideration all questions relating to the advancement of the interests of the League. Mission districts, whose young people's societies have not as yet joined the Conference League, were advised to send delegates. On Saturday afternoon the delegates took part in an excursion to the beautiful Phalen Park, where supper was served in the shade of the trees. On Sunday morning the sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Krantz, president of the Conference, and in the afternoon and evening excellent programs were rendered.



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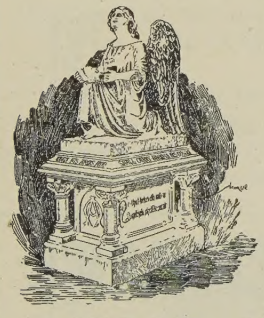

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ing came, but Luther had slept poorly, and the meeting could not begin before the afternoon. The result of the deliberations was that Bucer agreed on the "real presence" and that the "unworthy" received the body and blood, but not the "ungodly"—a strange feat of hair-splitting! Yet Luther agreed to it, because of the first two points. With shining countenance Luther voiced his joy at the Concord. Tears started in the eyes of Bucer and Capito. It was indeed a great moment in the Reformation history!

Ascension Day Luther preached the sermon at the conclusion of the sessions of the Concord. In the evening the visitors were invited to Luther's home for a family feast. The great Reformer's large heart opened up to the guests there. There was eating, and music, and singing, and social intercourse. The farewell services with Communion took place Sunday, the 28th. A formula of unity was subscribed to. Next day, Monday, the journey home began for the strangers, all pleased at the outcome. As they departed Luther cried out to them, "Let us bury what has taken place on both sides and roll a stone thereon."

Luther earnestly thought the conveners had been converted to his original standpoint. In his singleness of heart and largeness of view Luther peacefully enjoyed this brief moment of unity, that appeared to promise great results for the future. Of the shattering of those hopes, we are all aware, but the later history cannot dim the beauty of this Concord of Wittenburg—a shining star at eventide as the light of day went out.

Unity in the Word of God is the only unity that abides. All denial of "differences" to effect mechanical union merely increases the separation—finally. Luther Leaguers, your calling is to pray for *such* a unity in the doctrine of the Scriptures as binds men to Christ in spirit and in truth, and to one another in one faith and one hope of our calling. Any other unity we reject forever.

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"Under the Christian dispensation the world is our country and the race our kindred."—Josiah Strong, D.D.

"A lie which is half a truth is ever the worst of lies."—Tennyson.

Daily Bible Readings

Oct. 21. XIX Trinity—I Corinthians 11:23-26.
Monday—I Kings 17:1-24.
Tuesday—II Kings 23:1-20.
Wednesday—Daniel 2:14-18.
Thursday—Romans 1:1-17.
Friday—II Peter 3:1-18.
Saturday—Jude 1-25.

Oct. 28. Reformation—I Samuel 3:19-21.
Monday—II Kings 23:21-25.
Tuesday—Luke 22:7-20.
Reformation Day—Luke 14:15-24.
Thursday—I Corinthians 11:27-34.
Friday—I Corinthians 10:1-16.
Saturday—I Corinthians 10:17; 11:1 (whole passage).

Nov. 4. XXI Trinity—Matthew 26:26-30.
Monday—Ecclesiastes 12:1-14.
Tuesday—Isaiah 6:1-13.
Wednesday—Jonah 3:1-10.
Thursday—Matthew 4:17-25.
Friday—Acts 9:1-20.
Saturday—Luke 24:44-49.

Nov. 11. XXII Trinity—I Timothy 6:17-19.
Monday—Matthew 26:26-30.
Tuesday—Mark 14:22-26.
Wednesday—Luke 22:14-20.
Thursday—John 6:48-59.
Friday—I Corinthians 10:16-18.
Saturday—I Corinthians 11:23-29.

Nov. 18. XXIII Trinity—Mark 14:22-25.
Monday—Psalm 133:1-3.
Tuesday—Galatians 6:1-18.
Wednesday—Romans 14:1-23.
Thursday—Colossians 1:1-29.
Friday—Philippians 1:1-30.
Saturday—Revelation 22:1-21.

Nov. 25. XXIV Trinity—Ephesians 2:19-22.

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